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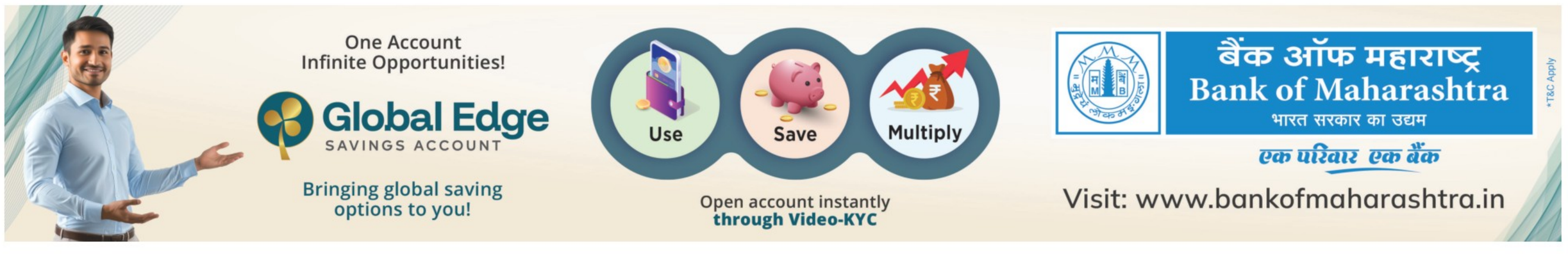

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Cyclone Montha makes landfall; rain batters several parts of A.P.

- 35,000 people evacuated; crops on 43,000 hectares submerged
- Power infrastructure, including substations, suffer massive damage
- Twenty trains and more than 50 flights cancelled

T. Appala Naidu
Nellore Sravani
KAKINADA/VIJAYAWADA

The severe cyclonic storm Montha began its landfall near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh around 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The storm triggered very heavy rain in the State as well as Odisha.

In Andhra Pradesh, Ulavapadu in SPSR Nellore district recorded the day's maximum rain of 167 mm.Kakinada received only light showers till 7 p.m.

Twenty trains and over 50 flights were cancelled.

The IMD withdrew red alerts issued for a few districts for Wednesday, and issued orange alerts for the districts of Srikakulam, Parvathipuram Manyam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Alluri Sitharama Raju, Anakapalli, Eluru, NTR, Krishna, Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, and Nandyal.

Two days of heavy rain left crops on over 43,000 hectares submerged and affected 83,000 farmers, as per the initial assessment by the agricultural department. Paddy and cotton were the worst-hit.

The estimated loss to the power sector crossed ₹2,200 crore, with massive damage to substations, transformers, and power lines. The Kakinada district administration opened 401 relief camps. At least 35,000 people have been evacuated so far.

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A house damaged by high tidal waves in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

North Tamil Nadu sees widespread rain; tanks full

CHENNAI
Widespread intense rainfall lashed many parts of Chennai and its surrounding districts from Monday night, as Cyclone Montha moved closer to the coast. Ennore in Chennai recorded the highest rainfall of 13 cm. Rainfall is expected to gradually subside from Wednesday. Several irrigation tanks in Chennai are nearly 95% full.

NEARBY

HC stays GO restricting use of public properties

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The High Court stayed the Karnataka government's recent order, which restricted the use of public properties, including roads, parks, playgrounds, etc., without prior permission for gathering of 10 or more persons. » PAGE 6

PRR's main carriageway to be less than 100 ft.

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The main carriageway of the 8-lane Peripheral Ring Road will be less than 100 ft. Lands were notified in 2006-07 for the project to build a 100 m wide road, but the carriageway will only be 28 m wide. » PAGE 2

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INDIA bloc's manifesto offers govt. jobs, free power

Amit Bhelari
MOHANIA

In a poll manifesto focussed on jobs, the INDIA bloc promised to enact a law within its first 20 days in power to ensure that one member of every family in the State is given a government job and give permanent government employee status to all contractual and outsourced employees and Jeevika community mobilisers.

Higher financial aid for women, 200 units of free power, and the restoration of the Old Pension System and the agricultural mandi system are other highlights in the 32-page manifesto released on Tuesday.

The Opposition's Chief Ministerial candidate and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader, Tejashwi Yadav, released the manifesto along with Congress leader Pawan Khera, Vikassheel Insaan Party chief and Deputy CM candidate Mukesh Sahani, CPI (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, and other leaders.

The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project, known as Jeevika, largely works through women's self-help groups facilitated by community mobilisers. Apart from permanent government employee status, the manifesto promised to give these Jeevika mobilisers fixed salaries of ₹30,000 per month and two-year interest free loans. Jeevika cadre members were promised an allowance of ₹2,000 per month for performing other tasks.

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Tata Trusts divided over return of trustee

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The rift in Tata Trusts, the philanthropic parent of Tata Sons intensified on Tuesday with three trustees – Chairman Noel Tata, former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh and TVS Motor Company chairman Emeritus Venu Srinivasan – disapproving the reappointment of fellow trustee Mehli Mistry whose tenure ended on Tuesday.

As per a decision on October 17, 2024, soon after former Tata Sons chairman Ratan Tata's death, the reappointment of each trustee has to be unanimous and for lifetime "if they are renominated".

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In our current growth phase, the goal is to have more viewership: Tuhin

The decision to stage all the matches of PVL 4 in Hyderabad was a calculated one and the one-city system could be the way forward for the league

SIDDHANT THAKUR

INTERVIEW

Joy Bhattacharjya
Tuhin Mishra

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

This weekend, the curtains came down on the fourth season of the Prime Volleyball League, with Bengaluru Torpedoes clinching its maiden title. In a country teeming with stuttering, struggling leagues, PVL has slowly but surely established itself as one of the more successful leagues. It has not been a smooth ride, with the league undergoing significant rebranding, navigating legal troubles with the national volleyball federation, and overcoming numerous other issues.

Unlike the Indian Premier League or the Pro Kabaddi League, where the bandwagon travels across the country, PVL this year decided to host the entire season in Hyderabad. In a conversation with the *The Hindu*, Joy Bhattacharjya, CEO of PVL, and Tuhin Mishra, managing director and co-founder of Baseline Ventures, one of PVL's co-promoters, explained the reasons behind it, gave their thoughts on PVL's possible foray into the women's ecosystem, explained why the focus remains more on viewership than on-ground attendance, and more. *Excerpts:*

This year, the entire season was held in Hyderabad. What prompted that move?

Joy: There are two or three factors that we looked at. One is the cost, hosting it in one city versus moving around a lot. Last year, we did the league in Chennai. Hyderabad is a great base for us. It so happens that a lot of our teams have roots here as well in Hyderabad.

Rather than moving around a lot, we decided to focus on giving Hyderabad a great experience and using the money saved from moving around to really bolster the presence, both on television on Sony and on OTT, which is YouTube, with whom we forged a global partnership.

It was a conscious decision; the idea was to utilise our resources best.

How did Hyderabad get picked? Was it a unanimous choice, or were other cities in the fray?

Joy: Our franchises are very strong stakeholders in our decision-making process. We allowed them to put forward their choices, and they sat in a committee with us and decided on the venue.

That was a fantastic process. Kolkata had some advantages, and Kochi had some too. But as it turned out, they all agreed that Hyderabad was the best city.

Tuhin: We have seen a lot of support coming from the state governments. Last year, when we had the league in Chennai, the Tamil Nadu government came forward and supported us a lot. This year, when we decided on Hyderabad, the Telangana government came forward to help us with organising this league.

This is the third time the league has taken place in Hyderabad. Did the familiarity with the city play any part in your final decision?

Tuhin: For sure. Also, the Gachibowli indoor stadium is probably one of the best indoor stadiums in the country. When we were deciding on various factors, one was also the facilities that the stadium provides us.

What are the pros and cons of having a league across different cities versus in one city? And is the one-city format the way to go from now on?

Tuhin: Definitely [it is], when a league is just growing. A lot also boils down to economics. To give you a case in point, every time you add a city to the league, you are almost adding anywhere between three to four crore to the cost. You would rather save that money and probably use it in marketing or for other purposes in the development of the sport, rather than trying to increase the number of cities for the heck of it.

We are trying to reach people on a TV and OTT basis. On the ground level, we are reaching out to say 3,000 to 4,000 people every day. But on a television level, cumulative viewership [in season 3] was close to 200 million in India.

Our aim is more at a television and OTT levels, and that's why one of the partnerships we did this year was with YouTube. We want to democratise the way people are watching the sport.

Do you ever get feedback, good or bad, from the larger volleyball community about PVL?

Joy: We do what is essentially the T20 of volleyball. We do 15-point sets and we do super points.

Instead of looking down on this, FIVB (International Volleyball Federation) is actually very interested in what we are doing. They say, 'Look, you have a new market, you can try these new things, and we can grow from your experience of what works and what doesn't work.'

In fact, last year, we got messages from the United States that they had started using the super point system in their varsity games, because it adds to the excitement of the sport. It absolutely gives us more

Joy Bhattacharjya and Tuhin Mishra. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT & FILE PHOTO: SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

and more belief in what we are doing.

Do you have any plans to expand PVL into the women's ecosystem?

Joy: In our very first season, when it was called the Pro Volleyball League in 2019, we had an exhibition women's match, and we got mixed results.

We are really keen to do it because women's volleyball is very big in Thailand, Japan and other parts of Asia. Women's volleyball is one of the fastest-growing sports in America. A couple of years ago, the University of Nebraska had a women's volleyball game where 90,000 people came to see it.

Our problem is that it is a bit of a chicken-and-egg issue. We need a base of at least 45-50 really decent players at the same level to be able to make a league. If we start something and we don't get good and even quality, we will just send the sport back another 10 years. We want to be very careful and cognisant of when we want to go after women's volleyball.

PVL and its teams have been putting in some effort at the grassroots level to develop the sport. But, in general, do you think the country is bursting with leagues while there is little development at the grassroots level, which, in the end, hinders their growth?

Joy: That is a problem, to a certain extent. We don't have too many leagues, actually. Our problem in India is that Indian sport has no middle class. Right at the top, there is an apex league. There is Khelo India happening at the bottom, and in the middle, there is nothing.

That is not the case in other countries. Take America and the NBA. There is the G-League below it and so on. There are 15-level strata of sport where you can keep playing and still be a part of the system. India doesn't have that. We don't even have proper college sports.

The big issue is actually building the middle class of Indian sport. Because if you don't, this pipeline is going to get choked. More has to come out of the pipeline for you to be able to perform.

PVL has grown since its inaugural season. When you look back, what are some of the problems, big or small, that you have overcome?

Joy: The biggest problem has been solved by Tuhin, and I cannot take credit for it, which is the whole thing with the national federation being there or not being there.

One of the great issues is how to remain a legitimate body. We take great pride in the relationship that we have built with the international federation, because that is the single biggest issue whenever you are doing things. What gives you the right to do it? The international federation recognises what we have done and has come in partnership with us. And that has been primarily Tuhin's doing.

Tuhin: One big factor for us has been the strength, unity, and faith that the players have shown in us. When we did the Pro Volleyball League and then were planning to do the Prime Volleyball League, almost 95% of the players came forward and said, 'To hell with anyone who is going to try and stop us.' Almost 95% of the players came forward, despite being threatened that if they played in our league, they would not be allowed to play for India and so on. That became the backbone of our league. Slowly, even the remaining 5% who did not join us because they were scared of what was going to happen to them also joined us.

Joy: There is a great story. In year one, we used to say that we are the only league that, when it announces its dates, announces two dates together. Because when we announced the dates of our league, the national federation at that point in time would announce the nationals exactly at the same time. We used to joke that as soon as we announced our dates, every other date would follow.

While several leagues manage to get good viewership on TV and online, it remains a struggle to fill stadiums with fans. Where do you stand on this issue?

Tuhin: For us, the stakes on the ground, in terms of people coming to watch the matches, are not that high, because we are not dealing in cricket. If I were managing a capacity of say 40,000 to 50,000 seats and I am only having 5,000 people who are filling the stadium, that is a huge loss.

Here, the stadiums are 3,000 to 4,000 capacity. Yes, we would love to have a jam-packed stadium every single match. That's a very idealistic view. When you are trying to sustain a league over three or four weeks, you might not have 100% attendance every day. In our current growth phase, the goal is more viewership than on-ground attendance.

Joy: We need enough on-ground fans for the players to feel enthusiastic. Other than that, the bigger challenge is the larger picture. We would like to fill it enough so the players feel they are playing for something. And that we managed to do.

We also designed the stadium carefully. One of the problems in India, say with football, is that you are very far away from the action. Here in volleyball, you are sitting right there. You feel the action in front of you.

Tuhin: Season one, we started with seven teams. And every season since then, we have added one team. We got in two owners over the last three years who came on board only because they had come and seen the matches in person.

They realised the kind of energy and atmosphere in the stadium. After that, they decided that they were willing to invest and come on board. That's probably the biggest validation that can happen for us.

Is the ownership structure PVL has, where the franchise owners are also stakeholders in the league's holding company, the blueprint for leagues going forward?

Tuhin: 200% it is, for any league in this country that is a non-cricket league. I think this is the blueprint. Unless you don't carry everyone along with you, you will just have an owner who will come for one season and will run away after getting his two minutes of fame on TV or OTT.

When you are actually sitting at the table, you are like a person who is on the board. You are invested, you want to ensure that you are not just bothered about your team's success but also about the league's.

Ministers hop on 'Benz ride' to tide over pothole criticism

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has been finding itself on the backfoot after a massive investment by Google recently went to the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, and corporate leaders started making their displeasure with the city's crumbling infrastructure public. The Opposition wasted no time in alleging that the government's inefficiency is costing people jobs and hurting the State's economy. So, when Mercedes-Benz CEO Ola Källenius praised Bengaluru, Congress Ministers – Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge – wasted no time amplifying his words on social media.

'An energising city'

In a video shared on X, the Mercedes-Benz CEO can be seen saying that every visit to Bengaluru left him twice as energised.

"You meet someone (in Bengaluru) who speaks fluent German. And I go like 'where did you study German?' And the person says, 'I've never been to Germany.' That intrinsic motivation, I want more of that. And we will go to where that is," the German auto boss can be seen saying.

"Namma Ooru's Unmatched Spirit!" is how Mr. Shivakumar - also the Minister of Bengaluru Development - addressed Mr. Källenius' praise.

"His appreciation that every visit here "doubles his energy" is a proud recognition of our people's brilliance. Bengaluru's creativity, talent, and spirit of innovation continue to inspire the world's best. We will keep building on this strength to make Bengaluru shine even brighter on the global stage," he wrote on X on Tuesday.

Mr. Shivakumar had recently traded barbs with industrialist Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, who, interestingly, cited yet another foreign national, a Chinese delegate on a business visit to Bengaluru, to make her case about the city's infrastructural issues.

Mr. Shivakumar's post seemed like a 'German' response to a 'Chinese' offensive.

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge, who has been embroiled in multiple social media wars recently, was one of the first to reshare Mr. Källenius's video on his X handle. Quoting the video, he noted that Bengaluru's tech ecosystem competes on competence, not cost, and on value, not valuation.

"What draws global leaders here isn't low-cost manpower, but deep technical expertise. Bengaluru is emerging as the top destination for skilled talent in the APAC region, ranking first for tech talent acquisition. With 36% of the world's tech talent concentrated in the U.S. and India, the city is driving the next wave of innovation, powered by people who don't just execute, but think, build, and solve for the world. It's no surprise that global CEOs continue to choose Karnataka as their base for building the technologies of tomorrow," he wrote in a veiled response to his critics accusing him of losing out to the competition from other States.

Mr. Kharge had previously said that Google's investment in Andhra Pradesh, the company's biggest investment in India in return for ₹22,000 crore worth of incentives, is an economic disaster for the neighbouring State.

The Ministerial spat

Mr. Kharge had accused the Central government of arm-twisting companies to invest in BJP-governed States like Gujarat and Assam. He questioned whether either of the States had any talent suitable for such industries, drawing sharp responses from Assam Chief Minister Himant Biswas Sarma.

Accusing Mr. Kharge of insulting Assam's youth, Mr. Sarma said that the Assam government is considering filing a case against him for the same. The trading of barbs that began on Monday spilled over to Tuesday when Mr. Kharge took to X to allege that BJP and the Assam CM were twisting his words and termed Mr. Sarma's comments 'politically rabid.'

PRR's main carriageway to be less than 100 ft.

This has raised fears that the PRR may not be 'enough' and may end up choked like the Outer Ring Road sooner than later

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The main carriageway of the 8-lane Peripheral Ring Road will be less than 100 ft. Lands were notified in 2006-07 for the project to build a 100 m wide road, but the carriageway (excluding service roads) will only be 28 m (nearly 92 ft) wide, sources said. This has raised fears that the PRR may not be "enough" and may end up choked like the Outer Ring Road (ORR) sooner than later.

Of the 100 m, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) will now "commercially develop" a total of 35 m to cross-subsidise the project. While part of this developed land will be given as part of a compensation package to landlosers, if they opt for it, the remaining plots will be auctioned off for malls, entertainment, and even companies will likely come up, sources said. Farmers have opposed this plan and demanded that only land required for the road should be acquired.

This will leave only 65 m for the road project, of which 5 m will be set aside to accommodate an elevated metro corridor in the future, 9 m wide service roads, 4 m wide shoulder drains, and 3 m wide footpaths on either side. This will leave only 28 m for the main carriageway, in which eight lanes with each lane being 3.5-m wide will come up.

Traffic and mobility expert M.N. Srihari said the width of the carriageway was not enough. "We have a 100 ft. road in Indiranagar, and even that chokes. The carriageway of PRR being less than that is definitely not enough. This road should act as a bypass and take away all through traffic of trucks from the city. Commercial development along the road and reducing the carriageway for that will only defeat the main purpose of the road project," he said.

However, a senior BDA official defended the move and said that commercially developing 35 m was the only way the project could be made "viable".

"The land acquisition costs are so high, and we are taking a loan of ₹27,000 crore for the project. The toll alone will not be enough to even pay the annual installments for the loan," the official said, arguing a carriageway of 28 m with 9 m wide service roads on either side will be adequate.

Urban infrastructure expert Ashwin Mahesh said that doing PRR as a "strip development" project was both costly and time-consuming due to litigations over land acquisition that are bound to come up.

"Town planning schemes like land reconstitution, where land owners in an impact zone voluntarily give up their land to get back around 75% to 80% of developed land, whose value would have shot up, will help us develop a 100 m road. This will not include land acquisition at all, so it will be cheaper by many times, and the larger area will be developed. Ahmedabad built its ring road using this model successfully. We need a credible leader whom the farmers trust for this model to work. It requires a lot of work negotiating with farmers, convincing them," he said.

'Same mistake'

Another urban activist said that the city was repeating the same mistake we made while building ORR.

"Ideally, the government should have acquired more land for ORR, keeping room for widening. Now with dense development along the corridor, no intervention is possible and the road is severely choked. The same may happen with PRR," he said.

Land acquisition for PRR planned as a 100 m wide road

- **35 m** to be commercially developed
- **5 m** set aside for a future metro corridor
- **9 m** wide service road on either sides - **18 m**
- **4 m** for shoulder drains on either sides - **8 m**
- **3 m** wide footpaths on either sides - **6 m**
- Main Carriageway of PRR - **28 m** (nearly 92 ft.)

Tejasvi Surya bats for augmenting public transport on 'rail based backbone'

The Hindu Bureau
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Bengaluru South BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has batted for increasing public transport options in the city manifold, mainly focusing on railways, including expanding Namma Metro and building suburban rail, circular rail, intercity rail, mono rail and even trams, apart from increasing the bus fleet in the city.

He has vehemently argued against tunnel roads and elevated corridors, in the suggestions to decongest Bengaluru he submitted to Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D. K. Shivakumar on Tuesday.

Arguing against tunnel roads, which he said will cater to only cars and termed it "wrong road to mobility", Mr. Surya has said that a trip on tunnel road will cost over five times the cost of a metro trip, while metro moves 69,000 per hour per direction, tunnel roads will only move 1,800 per hour per direction, thereby may end up adding more car trips.

Instead, Mr. Surya has argued for augmenting Namma Metro network to 317 km with trains at 3 minutes frequency, not only expediting suburban rail, but also opt for modern trams and Light Rail Transit options like Mono Rail as first and last mile connectivity in the core city and high density corridors like the Outer Ring Road (ORR). He also batted for circular rail and augmenting inter-city rail under Namma Railu project. He argued for increasing the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) fleet to 16,000 with an annual commitment to buy 1,000 buses to ensure a bus every five minutes.

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya meeting Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

> We haven't been able to add new rails because of lack of central funding. I have told him that I will also come and let all BJP MPs come, let us meet the Prime Minister and seek grants
>
> **D.K. SHIVAKUMAR**
> Deputy Chief Minister

Responding to these suggestions, Mr. Shivakumar said that he did not see viable alternatives to the Tunnel Road Project in the presentation made by Mr. Surya, but respects the suggestions made and would direct officials to study them.

"Anybody can give suggestions, but we need money to implement any project. Most of the suggestions he has made are railway projects. We haven't been able to add new rails because of lack of central funding. I have told him that I will also come and let all BJP MPs come, let us meet the Prime Minister and seek grants. Let us meet V. Somanna and discuss these projects. Let the MP not just give suggestions, but get the city money to implement them," he said.

Further arguing that as a government, they were forced to create infrastructure for private vehicles, Mr. Shivakumar said owning a car was a social aspiration which cannot be denied. "We cannot force people to abandon their private vehicles. I pointed out to the MP that he had come to meet me in his car. Let the MP call upon his constituents to use only public transport and see how many follow him," he said.

Meanwhile, sources in the BJP said that Mr. Surya submitting suggestions to the Deputy Chief Minister has not gone down well in the party.

"Ideally, this exercise had to be done from the party forum, involving city's MPs and MLAs. Moreover, most of his suggestions are railway projects, making it easier for the Congress to push the ball back into BJP's court," a senior city leader said.

Techie found dead, roommate booked under NDPS Act

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Varthur police on Saturday arrested a 25-year-old IT employee and registered a case under the NDPS Act for allegedly consuming MDMA. His roommate had allegedly ended his life at their rented house in Thubarahalli on Saturday. The accused was found consuming MDMA at the crime scene by the forensic team while investigating the scene of crime.

Rakesh Anand from Tamil Nadu was found dead at his residence and his roommate Rishab Choudhari has been arrested by Varthur police.

The police found Rakesh dead in the bathroom, and as per the procedure, searched the house and seized items for evidence, including his mobile phone. Upon verifying, the forensic officials found a crystal like substance concealed in the cover of the mobile phone. It was subjected to the examination and found to be MDMA. When they tried to question Rishab, he allegedly tried to avoid it and the forensic team realised through his behaviour that he was also under the influence of drugs. He was subjected to medical examination, which confirmed that he was under the influence of narcotics. Further probe revealed that the duo was addicted to drugs and had a fight over some differences which allegedly led Rakesh to take the extreme step.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN at 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

One injured, 3 autos damaged after BMTC e-bus crashes into series of vehicles

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An autorickshaw driver was injured and three autorickshaws were damaged after a speeding BMTC electric bus lost control and crashed into a series of vehicles at the busy Sirsi circle on Mysuru Road on Tuesday.

The incident took place near Sirsi Junction around 11.45 a.m. when an e-bus heading from Krishnarajendra Market (KR Market) towards Tavarekere crashed into an autorickshaw, leaving the auto driver with minor injuries and damaging three other autorickshaws. The injured was rushed to a nearby hospital while the accident caused a huge jam.

The Chamarajapet traffic police rushed to the spot and detained the driver on charges of rash and negligent driving endangering the safety of others.

While the police are yet to ascertain the exact reason, it was suspected that the driver may have accidentally pressed the accelerator instead of the brake. The police also subjected the driver for drunk driving test and found it negative.

On Saturday, a BMTC e bus knocked down 58-year-old in Hampi Nagar, killing her on the spot .

On October 11, at least nine vehicles were damaged after a BMTC bus caused a serial accident near M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Three arrested for looting mobile phone showroom

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The Varthur police have cracked a mobile phone showroom burglary case and arrested three persons, including food delivery executive, for allegedly breaking into the showroom and escaping with 39 new mobile phones and other electronic items worth ₹40.5 lakh recently.

The accused, identified as Divas Kami, and his associate Arohan Thapa, were caught based on CCTV camera footage and other technical evidence. They were habitual offenders who gained access into the showroom through the emergency door. Many of the showrooms and ATMs do not have security guards nor surveillance system in place, officials said.

The accused had handed over the stolen mobile phones to their female friend identified as Asmitha Bhora to sell them. The police have taken the accused into custody to ascertain their criminal background.

Two-day training programme

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The University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru, jointly with the Directorate of Extension, the Farmers' Training Institute, and the Multidisciplinary Development Research Centre (MDRC), Dharwad inaugurated a two-day skill development training programme on "Direct Marketing as a Tool for Farmer Empowerment" on Tuesday.

As many as 30 farmers, farm women and Krishi Sakhis from various districts participated.

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACCU2250P1ZZ CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425

Tender Notice Invitation Date: 27-10-2025

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/Authorized Agent for supply of **following Medical Equipment's.** The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

Sr. No.	Tender Ref. No. & Date	Items Name	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Time for Bid Submission	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids
1	GEM/2025/B/6827444 Dated: 27-10-2025	Power Generator-DG Set (up to 900 KVA)	06/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	21/11/2025 up to 14:00 PM	21/11/2025 at 14:30 PM
2	GEM/2025/B/6827749 Dated: 27-10-2025	OTO-Acoustic Emissions (OAE) Instrument for New Born Infant and Children	06/11/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	21/11/2025 up to 15:00 PM	21/11/2025 at 15:30 PM
2	GEM/2025/B/6827294 Dated: 27-10-2025	Walk in Cooler	07/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	21/11/2025 up to 14:00 PM	21/11/2025 at 14:30 PM

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website www.upmsc.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director, UPMSCL
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
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The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

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Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer Project-II, Hubballi
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No: TND-20/2025-26 **Date: 28.10.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governer of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, M.I. & GWD Division, Mysore invites tenders from registered and eligible contractors under "kppp Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender documents of KW4 and 2 for **06 works.** The **Minimum amount put tender Rs. 24.60 lakhs and The Maxmium amount put tender Rs. 164.00 Lakhs** and EMD amount Minimum **Rs. 0.37 lakhs** and Maximum amount **Rs. 2.46 lakhs.** The other tender details are given below (Excluding GST).

Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office during office hours up to **Date: 28.10.2025, 5.30 PM.** Last date to upload the tenders with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Date: 05.11.2025, 5.30 PM.** Technical bid will be opened on **: 07.11.2025,11.00 AM.** Financial bid will be opened on **: 10.11.2025,11.00 AM.**

Note: All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all bids or any individual bids of this tender notification without assigning any reasons by the under signed. The terms and conditions for each work is published in the "Kppp" Tender Portal. Any corrigendum pertains to above tender will be published in KPP Portal only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
MI & GWD Division, Mysore.

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[See Regulation 33(2)]
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NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
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Versus
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Mrs. Ramya Ramakrishnan Ramakrishnan, No. A 102, Creative Residency, 24th Main, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560102.
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Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **07-07-2021.**

RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BENGALURU (DRT-2)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer(Construction-II) North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Name of work:** Tender No EL/C/JP/SNGN/T05/25-26, Electrical work of redevelopment of Sanganer Railway station of North Western Railway, **Approximate cost of the Work:** Rs. 93566358.00, **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 617800.00, **Date & Time of closing E-Tender:** 19.11.2025 Upto 15-00 Hrs., **Date & Time of opening E-Tender:** 19.11.2025 at 15.30 Hrs., **The details of above E-Tender are available on Website:** www.ireps.gov.in

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I, KANEEZ FATHIMA W/O MOHAMMED IQBAL , Aged about 66 years, Residing at No.6, 3rd C main road, Rathan Singh Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, Bengaluru 560032, have changed my name to KANEES FATHIMA vide affidavit dated 28/06/2025, Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

I, SHIRIN Begum, W/o S.Imran Khan & D/o Zareena Begum, R/a No.280/1, Thimmaiah Road Cross, Nehrupuram, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560001 hereby state that both the names Shirin Begum and Shahreen Jan belongs to one and the same person i.e., me only vide affidavit dt: 27.10.2025 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore.

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Setting up an early warning system for the Himalayas poses unique challenges

Climate change and development works have made the Himalayas acutely vulnerable to floods, landslides, and lake bursts, killing hundreds. Why are early warning systems not a priority? Scientists say that a network of rugged, easy-to-operate early warning systems to monitor activity across the Himalayan mountains is essential

Divya Gandhi

On the first weekend of this month, Mount Everest (on the Tibetan side) turned dystopian: a sudden blizzard, torrential snowfall, and lightning strikes hit the mountain's vicinity, trapping a thousand trekkers who were gradually rescued with the help of local villagers trudging through knee-deep snow. In other parts of the Himalayas, at the same time, a heavy downpour and snowfall, led to floods and landslides, killing scores in Nepal and Darjeeling.

This is the latest among scores of disasters in the Himalayas, which are only increasing: of the 687 disasters that the country experienced between 1900 and 2022, as many as 240 were in the Himalayas, according to a 2024 *Down To Earth (DTE)* report. They include glacial lake outbursts, landslides, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes. Between 1902 and 1962, the region recorded just five disasters.

There has been a rapid increase in disasters in the Himalayas. AP

Abysmally poor

"Since then, there has been a rapid decade-on-decade increase in disasters. In 1963-1972, the region reported 11 disasters, followed by 13 disasters in 1973-82. The last decade (2013-2022) saw the highest number of disasters at 68, and they accounted for 44% of all the disasters reported in India," the *DTE* report explained. Quoting NASA's landslide data, *DTE* said the region experienced 1,121 landslide events between 2007 and 2017.

"I've come to the Himalayas around 20 times, but I've never experienced weather like this," a long-time hiker, Dong Shuchang, 27, told the *BBC*. Climate change is indeed making this seismically vulnerable range increasingly unpredictable: the region is experiencing "a faster rate of warming than the global average, ranging from 0.15° to 0.60° C per decade," according to a paper published last year in *Springer Nature*.

So why do we have an abysmally poor number of early warning systems (EWS), a practical mitigator of disasters, in one of the world's most volatile regions to predict events and save lives?

AI's help

As peer-reviewed studies portend a deepening crisis in the Himalayas, there is clearly a dire need for EWS for imminent earthquakes, landslides, snow storms, lake outburst floods, and extreme temperatures in this tempestuous mountain range that encompasses 12 Indian States and Union Territories.

Considering the sheer scale of the problem, "we need to install many more EWS, one in each valley, across the entire Himalayan arc (there are indeed cases of trans-boundary floods)," glaciologist Argha Banerjee, working on Himalayan glaciers at IISER Pune, told *The Hindu*. "We do not have an indigenous low-cost EWS that is weather-proof, easy-to-install and operate (by local people), uses multiple input parameters (in-situ and remote), and transmits live data (many of these valleys are remote, out of the reach of mobile networks)."

A functional early warning system can clearly save lives, he said.

There are challenges to monitoring the 2,400 km range: drones have a scale problem and "are only good for localised studies, and hard to fly in glacierised, windy, rugged Himalayan conditions," Dr. Banerjee said.

But artificial intelligence (AI) models, he added, could surely help in transforming live data to credible warnings. There is scope for satellite use, although satellite links are very expensive and may not be scalable. "There is some scope for them, although data collection from satellites needs to be rapid.

Per Dr. Banerjee: "It is important to involve and train local people to maintain, operate the EWS, and also to react to the warning."

Hazard map

There have been promising precedents of Himalayan disasters averted: the recent glacier-collapse/debris flow at Blatten village in the Swiss Alps was prevented from exploding into a humanitarian crisis when a shepherd called the downstream village, saving hundreds of lives.

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Researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences published a paper in 2022 on how they created an EWS for glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) in Cirenmaco, a high-risk glacial lake in the central Himalayas using an unmanned boat.

EWS "prevents loss of life and reduces the economic and societal impacts of disasters," the authors of the paper, published in the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, wrote. It consisted of monitoring lake-level change, end-moraine displacement, ice collapse, and downstream runoff. The data can be transmitted via satellites and a mobile network to the data centre.

A hazard map was created of flood depth and velocity and translated into four intensity levels.

"In the future, more refined and accurate simulation results can be relied upon to establish this hazard map, which has implications for determining evacuation locations in downstream areas, constructing GLOF prevention and mitigation facilities, and implementing economic development measures," according to the paper.

Vinod Kumar Gaur, a Bengaluru-based seismologist and former director of the National Geophysical Research Institute, is closely involved in the implementation of three EWSs, the third one still at an elementary stage relating to cloudbursts. One of these was recently funded by the Environment Ministry to produce an operational system to provide advanced, sub-kilometre scale (a few hundred metres) hailstorm alerts to apple orchard managers in Uttarakhand and Himachal.

Not a priority

"The systems are based on a melding of local data and AI-aided predictions and a rigorously downscaled atmospheric model at the local scale with a capability to capture local land surface and hydrometeorological processes," said Dr. Gaur.

Indeed, there's no time to lose: a study published last year in the journal *Climate Change* predicted that 90% of the Himalayas will experience drought lasting over a year if global warming increases by 3° C. We get clues into this scenario from the fact that wildlife here is trapped in an "altitude squeeze," as a warming mountain range pushes musk deer and snow trout to higher ground, according to a recent UN report.

Himalayan catastrophes are not being given the priority they deserve: either by scientists, engineers, funding agencies, industry, or policy makers in central and local authorities, Dr. Banerjee said. "I think Himalayan people need it, and it is an urgent need. This should be a national priority."

THE GIST

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An EWS requires data and processing ability. Drones and satellites can provide the input, and AI models could help convert live data into credible warnings

Researchers say Himalayan catastrophes are not being given priority by stakeholders. Considering the impact of warming on mountain dynamics, EWS is an urgent requirement and should be a national priority

BIG SHOT

The peak of Japan's Mount Fuji was capped with snow for the first time this winter on October 23, reaching the milestone 21 days later than the average since records began in 1894, the country's meteorological agency said. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Antagonistic antibiotics

Q. If antibiotics are becoming less effective, why not combine them?

A.It might seem logical to combine different antibiotics to create a more powerful weapon against resistant bacteria, but this approach can surprisingly backfire. Instead of becoming stronger, some antibiotic combinations can work against each other, a phenomenon known as antagonism. This means the mixture can be less effective than using a single, appropriate antibiotic.

One reason for this is that some antibiotics, called bacteriostatic agents, only stop bacteria from multiplying, while others, known as bactericidal antibiotics, actively kill them. If you mix the two, the bacteriostatic drug can prevent the bactericidal one from working properly as the latter often targets processes in actively dividing cells.

Further, every antibiotic use, including in combinations, puts pressure on bacteria to evolve and develop resistance. Using combinations without a clear benefit can inadvertently contribute to the creation of "superbugs" that are even harder to treat. This is why it's crucial for doctors to carefully select the right antibiotic based on the specific infection, rather than simply mixing them.

Antibiotic use puts pressure on bacteria to evolve and develop resistance. REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE. JAMES YAREMA/UNSPLASH

A study published in *Molecular Systems Biology* on October 27 illustrated this problem in *Escherichia coli* bacteria. Researchers combined ciprofloxacin, an antibiotic that kills bacteria by damaging DNA, with tetracycline, which merely stops them from growing. They discovered that tetracycline actually slowed down the bacteria's metabolism, preventing ciprofloxacin from killing them. Ultimately the survival rate of the bacterial cells increased.

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No trees are being cut inside Lalbagh for Tunnel Road Project: State govt. to HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Tuesday told the High Court of Karnataka that there were no plans to cut trees inside the Lalbagh Botanical Garden for the proposed tunnel road project.

A submission in this regard was made in response to the court's earlier query on whether trees are being cut at Lalbagh after the petitioners, who have filed PILs challenging the tunnel road project, expressed apprehension about the likely felling of trees as around 6.5 acres of land in Lalbagh Botanical Garden was recently demarcated and ingress and egress of the public to this area were stopped.

Around 6.5 acres of land in Lalbagh has been recently demarcated and ingress and egress of the public to this area have been stopped. FILE PHOTO

Taking note that no trees are being cut, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Poonacha adjourned further hearing on the petitions, filed by actor-director Prakash Belawadi, Adikesavalu Ravindra, and two others, till December 9, as per the date given earlier for further hearing on various issues raised in the petition on legality of the project.

The petitions were taken up on urgent hearing on October 25 after the petitioners expressed their displeasure about the felling of trees and the Bench had sought response from the government.

The petitioners have claimed that the project – which proposes the construction of tunnel roads from Hebbal to Central Silk Board junction, with eight entry and eight exit points, under the Build-Own-Operate-Transfer mode – has been proposed without a lawful appraisal of its economic viability, social and environmental impact, or constitutional validity.

Man arrested for killing relative in Ullal Upanagara

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 36-year-old labourer was bludgeoned to death allegedly by his employer, who is also the former's distant relative, in Ullal Upanagara under Jnana Bharati police station limits in the early hours of Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Avinash, and the police have arrested the accused, identified as Karthik.

According to the police, Avinash used to work in an eatery run by Karthik and his mother. Avinash stayed in a house adjacent to that of Karthik.

The police said that Avinash was reportedly an alcoholic, due to which his wife and children had left him. He couldn't stay employed at one place for long because of his alcoholism and kept doing odd jobs for a living, the police added.

On Monday night, Avinash reportedly created a ruckus and hurled abuses at Karthik's mother in an inebriated state. She immediately informed Karthik, who had gone out for work during the time, about the incident over the phone. Karthik rushed home and in a bit of rage, allegedly assaulted Avinash with an iron rod.

Avinash died due to excessive bleeding, the police said.

Though Karthik tried to administer first aid to revive Avinash, he could not be saved. Neighbours, who noticed the commotion, alerted the police.

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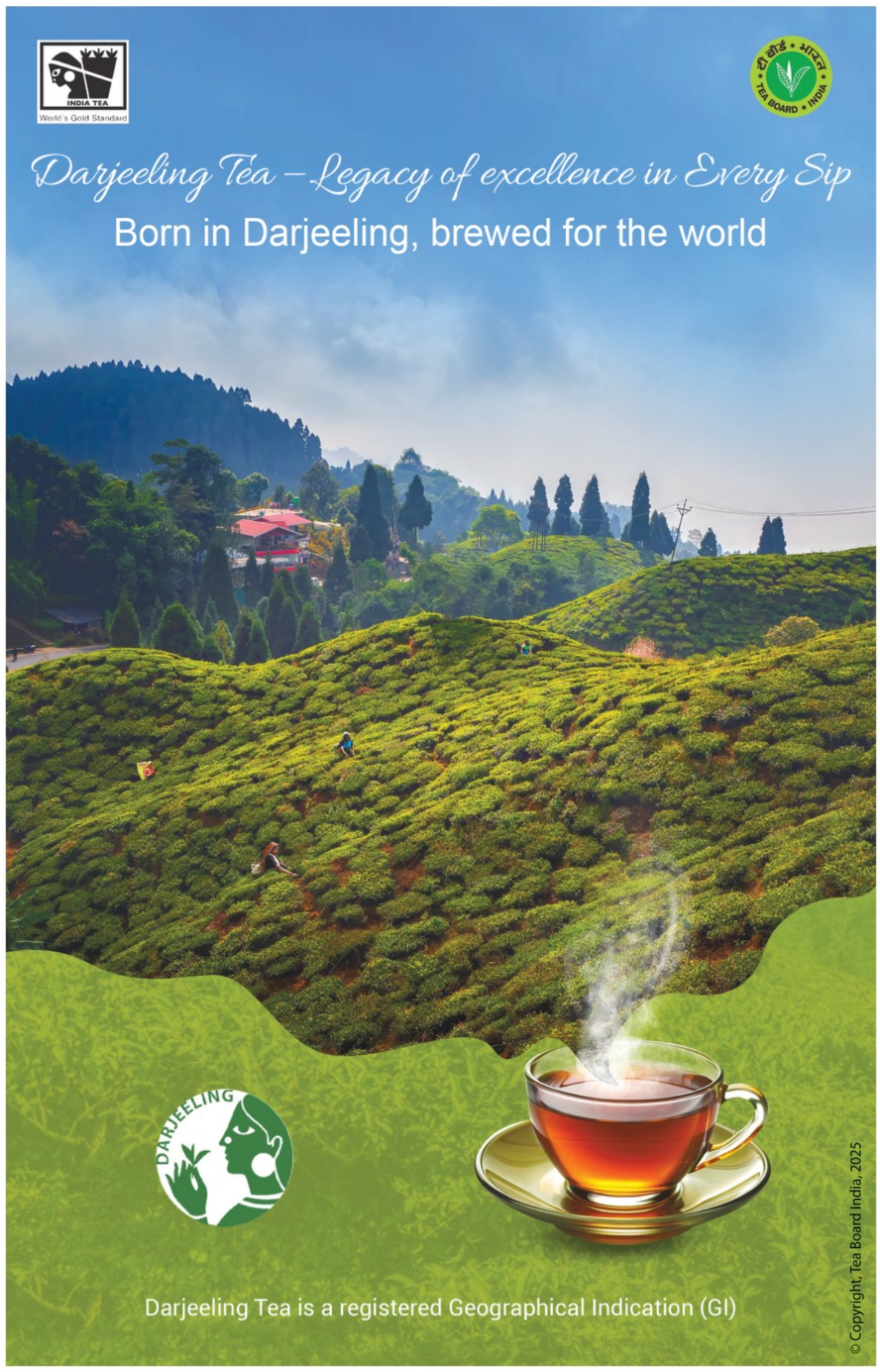
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No.AV(2)/PRC/61167/2025 **EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION**

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Post	Assistant Professor Regular	Research Investigator Regular	Field Investigator Regular	Research Fellow - II Contractual	*LDC/ Typist Contractual
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The Posts are temporary and likely to be continued subject to continuation of the Population Research Centre at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi).
***Note:** LDC/Typist: Those who have applied earlier, in response to the Previous Advertisement **No.AV (2)/PRC/61167/2024, dt.19.11.2024,** need not apply again. However they may submit an updated resume with necessary documents.

Issue of Notification : 25-10-2025; Last date for Receipt of Application : 25-11-2025

The prescribed application form, qualifications, experience, salary and other details can be had from the University website http://www.andhrauniversity.edu.in. Details are also available on http://www.mohfw.gov.in and http://www.prc.mohfw.gov.in. The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill the post without giving any reason whatsoever.

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Number of corporate jobs to be cut down at Amazon

14,000 Amazon will cut about 14,000 corporate jobs as the online retail giant ramps up spending on artificial intelligence. Teams and individuals impacted by the job cuts will be notified on Tuesday. PTI

People in Jamiaca who could be affected by Hurricane Melissa

1.5 in million. Hurricane Melissa could affect 1.5 million people in Jamaica, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said, warning of a "massive impact". The Category 5 storm is on a slow path through the Caribbean and expected to make landfall on Tuesday. AFP

The magnitude of the earthquake in Turkiye on Monday

6.1 A strong earthquake shook western Turkiye on Monday, causing at least three buildings that were damaged in a previous tremor to collapse, officials said. There were no immediate reports of casualties. A total of 22 people were injured due to panic-related falls. PTI

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The politics of the EBCs in Bihar

As Bihar gears up for the 2025 Assembly Elections, the marginalisation of Extremely Backward Castes in the political landscape is becoming increasingly apparent, highlighting the challenges they face in mobilising a coalition among their 112 recognised castes

FULL CONTEXT

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According to the recent caste survey, Extremely Backward Castes (EBCs) are a diversified caste group that make up 36% of the population of Bihar. When combined together with the upper OBCs or upper Backward castes, they form the category of Backward Castes, which make up a combined total of 63% of Bihar's population. While the politics of the Backward Castes have dominated the political discourse of Bihar at least since the 1990s, EBCs have been marginalised in terms of political representation. That is, despite their numerical significance, their political representation in the Bihar Legislature has hardly ever gone above the 10% mark.

Myriad groups: A march in support of a demand to give schedule caste status to the Dhanuk community, currently in the EBC list, in Patna in 2013. FILE PHOTO

THE GIST

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However, at the State level, EBCs continued to be marginalised in representative electoral politics.

Composition of the category

Bihar has about 112 EBCs, also known as the Most Backward Castes. In Bihar, they are referred to as 'Annexure-I,' whereas OBCs are referred to as 'Annexure-II.' Annexure-I (the 'more backward') includes some 88 Hindu and Muslim castes, some well-known (for example, Dhanuk, Hajjam, Kahar and Mallah castes), while others considerably less so (Gulguha, Jadupatia etc). Annexure-II ('less backward') comprises of 30 castes including upper Backward castes such as the Kurmis, Koeris, Banias and Yadavs. According to political scientist Harry Blair, many of these communities, such as the Barhis, Kandus and Kumhars (as well as some Muslim castes like Momins and Rayeens), were difficult to distinguish in terms of social and economic backwardness from those in Annexure-I. However, the Bihar government's gazetted ordinance in 1951, followed by the first Backward Classes Commission led by Kaka Saheb Kalelkar in 1955, helped to identify the 837 "most Backward" castes among the total 2,399 Backward Castes in India. In Bihar, the commission enumerated a total of 127 Hindu and Muslim castes as backward castes, which now stand at 112, as per the caste survey conducted in 2022. Out of the 112 caste groups, 24 castes, like the Ansari or Momins, Rayeen, Shershahbadi, Rangrez, Dhobi, Idrish, Kasai, Nat, and Bhatiyara are Muslim EBCs, also referred to as Pasmanda Muslims.

Political mobilisation among EBCs

The politics of Bihar when seen through the prism of caste can be divided into several phases. The phase of the Congress rule in Bihar was dominated by forward caste alliances of Brahmin-Bhumihar-Rajput and Kayasthas for a long time after independence. Although backward caste mobilisation had begun in Bihar during the turn of the 20th century, through historical events like the Triveni Sangh (forging a collaboration between the Kurmis, Koeris and Yadavs) and the Janeyu Andolan (a movement where backward castes in Bihar began wearing the sacred thread to challenge upper-caste domination), the proliferation of several caste associations among upper Backward castes also played a prominent role in their political consolidation. This phase of political mobilisation of the backward castes reached a crescendo in the 1990s. From the Assembly elections of 1990 to 1995 and the Lok Sabha elections of 1991, the number of backward caste legislators finally outnumbered the number of upper caste representatives, a pivotal change in the social background of politicians in Bihar, that has since never been overturned.

Former Chief Minister of Bihar, Karpoori Thakur, attributed as the initiator of a 'Backward Raj' by Harry Blair, has been credited by several observers for this social reconfiguration in Bihar. Along with the implementation of the Mungeri Lal Commission report (1976), which facilitated reservations for backward castes in higher education and State government jobs, Karpoori Thakur initiated two major policy decisions which altered the caste dynamics of Bihar's political landscape. First among these was the removal of English language as a mandatory subject for class 10 examinations which enabled a large number of Hindi medium students from backward castes to get access to government jobs and other opportunities in higher education. Second was the decision to conduct local elections at the panchayat level in 1978, which created opportunities for participation in democracy at the grassroots level leading to an eventual process of democratisation. Years later, in his attempts to consolidate EBC support for himself, Chief Minister of Bihar Nitish Kumar also facilitated such democratisation by implementing reservations for EBCs (of upto 20%) and women (upto 50%) in Panchayati Raj Institutions by promulgating the Bihar Panchayati Raj Amendment Act in 2006. According to a study by Subhesh Kumar, Nitu Sharan and Srikant Pandey, these reservations allowed the election of almost 1,464 Mukhiyas, 18,901 Gram Panchayat Members, 1,464 Sarpanchs, and 18,900 panchas from the EBC category, allowing them to benefit significantly from such grassroots level participation in democracy.

However, at the State level, EBCs continued to be marginalised in representative electoral politics, as compared to upper backward OBCs, as the assertion of backward caste dominance has been led by the Yadavs, Kurmis, Koeri and Banias. As pointed out by Srikant and Prasanna Kumar Choudhary, between 1957 and 1962, EBCs had no representation in the Bihar Legislative Assembly. Between 1967 and 1995, there were 753 MLAs from Yadav, Kurmi, Koeri and Baniya castes (upper OBCS) while for the same period, the number of EBC MLAs in Bihar was 55. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of EBC MLAs in Bihar was between 6 to 16. In 2005, 19 EBC MLAs were elected to the State Assembly, which fell to 17 in 2010. This number increased up to 29 in 2020; it was also the first time when the share of EBC MLAs in the Bihar Assembly went above 10% of the total MLAs. For a community with a 36% share in the State's population, this is still a vast underrepresentation.

Emergence of new leadership

The heterogenous mix of castes within the EBC category poses substantial challenges to political mobilisation. Among the EBCs, only a handful of *jatis* like Teli, Dhanuk, Badhai, Kumhar (prajapati), Mallah, Nai, Noniya and Kahar (Chandravanshis) have a population between 1-3% of the total population of Bihar, as per the 2022 caste survey. All the other castes within the EBC category have a population size of below 1%, which makes political mobilisation difficult in terms of numerical consolidation.

The example of the Nishad community is a good case of political mobilisation through numerical consolidation. The Nishad community was forged by bringing together around 22 castes among the EBCs (such as the Mallah, Noniya and Bind, Kevat *jatis*), which brought their combined numbers to about 9.8% of the total population of the State, according to the 2022 caste survey. This makes them a significant part of the EBC cluster and highlights their political salience in terms of electoral support. However, while the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), led by Mukesh Sahani, has emerged as a key political group representing the interests of the Nishad community, the leadership among the Nishad has been scattered across several parties like the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Janata Dal (United) (JD(U)) and even Congress. Therefore, the viability of the Nishad community's electoral impact among the EBCs is yet to materialise as a consolidated vote bank.

A close reading of the candidate nominations for 2025 by various political parties shows us that EBC representation among the fielded candidates has increased, especially among regional parties such as the JD(U), Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and VIP. Both the Congress and the BJP lag behind in terms of EBC representation in distributing their party tickets. In fact, a closer look among candidate nominations suggests that among the various EBC castes, political parties tend to nominate candidates mostly from a few key communities like the Dhanuk, Mallah, Noniya, Teli among Hindu EBCs, and Ansaris or Momins among Muslim EBCs.

Long way to go

Whether it is the appointment of Dhanik Lal Mandal as the first EBC speaker of the Bihar Assembly in 1967, or the Rajya Sabha nomination for Pasmanda leader Ali Anwar, or even the appointment of Renu Devi as the first EBC Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar in 2020, the accommodation of EBC politicians by different parties in Bihar has been largely symbolic without much structural change in the political representation of the community, which remains highly marginalised.

Grassroots empowerment through representation in local level leadership positions is yet to translate into visible material transformations among the community, which still remains entrapped in poverty and precarity.

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State ranked number one in India Justice Report: Siddaramaiah

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and Home Minister G. Parameshwara distributing new peak caps to police personnel in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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"The State government earns a good name through the efficiency of the police department. The India Justice Report [which takes into account performances across police, prisons, judiciary, and legal aid] has ranked Karnataka number one and this has enhanced the dignity of the State," said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Anti-Drug Task Force and releasing the "Sanmitra Action Plan" handbook during the police department's programme on Tuesday, where new peak caps were distributed to police personnel.

He said that a drug-free Karnataka was his goal and asked the people to join him and make it their goal too to help the police fight the menace. "Our youth, students, and young people should not fall victim to narcotics. The police department must take a firm stand against this and eradicate the menace," he said.

Referring to the law and order situation in the State, Mr. Siddaramaiah said "Mangaluru, which is a highly communally sensitive area, is now under control."

"In Dakshina Kannada district, communal clashes and unethical policing had increased. The previous officers failed to maintain control. I issued orders replacing two officers. Now, the district is under control. This achievement too was made by our own officers and staff. They are not from another planet – they are your own, our own people. So, if you are determined, everything is possible. Prove it with your performance," he said.

"In the same way, it is possible for you to curb the drug menace across the entire State. If you can achieve this, the dignity of Karnataka Police will rise to international standards," he said.

Deadline nears, but J.C. Road white-topping work far from over

Uneven surface and open ditches on the road have made commuting difficult and caused daily traffic snarls, while also adversely impacting business

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

Even as the deadline for completing J.C. Road's white-topping project – October 31 – approaches, the crucial stretch remains far from finished. Large portions continue to be dug up, traffic crawls at a snail's pace, and frustrated traders say their businesses are on the brink. Officials, meanwhile, are expected to seek yet another extension, citing technical hurdles.

Long stretches of the road were dug up several months ago, and traders allege that the dug-up portions are still not properly closed or barricaded. The uneven surface and open ditches have made commuting difficult and have caused daily traffic snarls. "We lose up to an hour every day just to get through this one-kilometre stretch," said a regular commuter on J.C. Road.

For hundreds of small automobile spare parts dealers and car accessory shops lining the road, business has been hit. "People don't want to come here any more because they are required to navigate bad roads, park their vehicles elsewhere and make it to the shop. They can't bring their cars in for fitting. Online sales have taken away what little business we were left with. People now buy spare parts online and get it fixed at their nearby garage," said Rahul Goyal, a trader.

The ongoing white-topping work on J.C. Road has become a major traffic bottleneck. K. MURALI KUMAR

While the Union Government's recent GST reduction on automobiles has been welcomed, those dealing in accessories and spare parts in the area say it means little if customers cannot reach them. "For us, this roadwork has wiped out months of sales," Mohammed Zakhir, another automobile trader, added.

Ripple effect

The ripple effects are being felt beyond J.C. Road as well. With the main stretch blocked, vehicles have spilled over onto S.P. Road, worsening the congestion there.

Hawkers and street vendors occupy large portions of the carriageway, and residents and traders say the road's poor condition and the constant dumping of waste make it dangerous for motorists.

"There are small accidents every day, bikes skid because of garbage spillovers and water from broken drains," Mahadevi Pujari, a worker in the area said.

Traders also argue that even the desilting work by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) was left incomplete, leaving open drains exposed. "A man fell into one recently. We've been warning them for months. Meanwhile, sewage has been leaking on S.P. Road for over nine months. Despite repeated complaints, civic bodies are yet to act," Arun Jain from the Electronics Association said.

The same stretch was recently visited by GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao as well as Central Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan, but residents lament that the situation has been the same.

Business on road

Recently, several traders had also begun carrying out garage and vehicle-fixing work near the J.C. Road main carriageway and signal in an attempt to retain customers.

However, traffic police officials told *The Hindu* that such activities were worsening congestion on one of the city's key connecting roads.

"This is a main road which connects various parts of the city and hence congestion here results in congestion further in the southern and eastern parts of Bengaluru. We have also held discussions with the GBA to expedite the pending works," a traffic police official said.

Missing minor girl killed in accident

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A 16-year-old girl who was reported missing after not returning from school in Bannerghatta, was later killed in a road accident on Hoskote Road recently

Based on a complaint filed by the father of the victim, the Bannerghatta police arrested four youth, including a minor, on Monday charging them under various sections of the POCSO Act and for death due to negligence and rash and negligent riding.

The deceased was a class 9 student at a government school in Bannerghatta. The accused, aged between 18 and 19, were employed in local private jobs, said the police.

According to the police, the girl did njot return home from school on October 24 and later went along with the accused on two motorcycles. When she did not return, her parents filed a missing complaint at the Bannerghatta police station.

Later that day, the police were alerted about an accident near Hoskote. An investigation revealed that one of the accused lost control of his bike and hit a road median, causing the girl riding pillion to fall. She was subsequently run over by another vehicle and died on the spot.

A probe revealed no evidence of sexual assault. However, since the victim was a minor, a POCSO case was registered, and further action will be initiated based on the post-mortem and medical examination reports.

With income ceiling, most in-service doctors ineligible for OBC quota PG medical seats

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BENGALURU

With the income certificate being mandatory for the allotment of Post Graduate (PG) medical courses seats to in-service doctors belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC), a large number of seats are left vacant year after year. The vacant seats are being converted into non-in-service seats and allocated under the general merit quota.

Now, in-service doctors belonging to OBC category, who want to pursue PG medical courses, have urged that caste certificate be made the criterion for allotment of PG medical seats instead of income certificate.

In Karnataka, 30% of PG medical seats are reserved for in-service doctors in the State. The government is allocating seats to SC/ST candidates on the basis of caste certificate. Under OBC category, only those with an annual income of less than ₹8 lakh are eligible to get a PG medical seat. But as the annual income of in-service doctors is more than ₹8 lakh, going by their salary, they automatically become ineligible for the reserved seats.

Seats vacant

In 2024-25, of the total 353 PG medical seats available for in-service doctors in the State, only 122 seats were filled, while 231 seats remained vacant. Later, these seats were converted into non-in-service quota seats. In 2023-24, of the 315 in-service seats available, only 133 seats were filled, while 182 seats were converted into non-in-service seats. In 2022-23, of the 279 seats available, 182 seats were filled, while 97 seats were converted into non-in-service seats.

Among the seats converted into non-in-service, a large number belong to the Health and Family Welfare Department.

Rule change sought

"The annual income of several in-service doctors is more than ₹8 lakh. However, due to the income criterion of ₹8 lakh, OBC in-service doctors do not qualify, making the reservation meaningless. The government should drop the income certificate criterion in allocating PG medical seats to OBC candidates," urged one of in-service doctor.

The doctors say there is a precedent for the government changing criteria. "Recently, the State government completed the process of filling the posts of principals of Government First Grade Colleges, and only the issuance of the work order is pending. In-service professors and assistant professors were allowed to apply for these posts. However, since the salaries of professors and assistant professors are high, the government amended rules and dropped the income certificate criterion for OBC candidates," said a candicate, urging the government to adopt a similar policy for in-service doctors.

PG Medical in-service seat allotment details of last 3 years

Year	Sanctioned	Allotted	Converted to Non-inservice
2024	353	122	231
2023	315	133	182
2022	279	182	97

Delay in issuing NOCs

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Despite the document verification of PGNEET-2025 counselling being under progress, the Health and Family Welfare Department is delaying the issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) to in-service doctors who want to pursue postgraduate medical courses in the State.

The KEA has allowed the registration for PG medical courses and conducting the document verification. As there is no communication from the department for in-service doctors to participate, the KEA has not allowed them for the document verification. According to sources, the HFW department needs specialists who have done PG courses in general medicine, general surgery, orthopaedics, paediatrics, and gynaecology to work in the government hospitals.

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How Amazon's cloud outage affected services and apps globally

The glitch took down more than 2,000 companies, with several apps and services impacted like Amazon, Snapchat, Signal, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Canva, Roblox, Duolingo, Fortnite, Coinbase and Epic Games online services

Poulomi Chatterjee

The story so far:

On October 20, one Amazon Web Services (AWS) data centre, located in the east coast of the U.S., began experiencing "increased error rates and latencies." By next morning several issues were reported across AWS data centres, many of which are located in Northern Virginia. The affected data centre cluster, U.S.-East-1, is AWS' biggest and most active. The disruption took down digital services of over 2,000 companies, according to *Downdetector*. Services of Amazon, Snapchat, Signal, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Canva, Roblox, Duolingo, Fortnite, Coinbase and Epic Games online services were affected. The issue was eventually "fully resolved" by 6:53 PM ET, AWS said in a blog post.

What happened?

In a status update, AWS informed users that the outage originated from a Domain Name System (DNS) error affecting the DynamoDB database application programming interfaces in the US-East-1 region. After some time, Amazon advised users experiencing issues resolving the DynamoDB service endpoints in US-East-1 to flush their DNS caches.

The DNS essentially functions as a lookup mechanism that translates a web URL into its corresponding IP address. For instance, the IP address for the domain 'www.instagram.com' is 57.144.150.34. When DNS fails, there's no way to retrieve the address, so even if a service appears to be operational for users running the platform, there's no incoming traffic. Consider trying to contact a friend whose phone number keeps changing, and you don't have any of these numbers memorised.

The DynamoDB database service was used by AWS to store data for Amazon's own services as well as several other customers including Amazon retail, Amazon Alexa, Lyft, Snapchat and Signal etc.

DNS errors have become frequent due to various factors. It could happen in case a company failed to renew registration or during a faulty automated update or in the most common instances where the DNS service provider is changed or is updating the domain address. Although DNS errors could be caused by malicious actors, this specific outage was not. It was a case of "availability," cybersecurity experts said, where the system couldn't correctly decide which server to latch on to, which led to a ripple effect. Despite how centralised cloud systems have become over time, AWS' US-East-1 region is relatively infamous for causing massive disruptions. Built in 2006, US-East-1 is also the default for swathes of services and users given it was the first AWS region.

There are some global AWS services run from US-East-1 depending on its endpoints, which includes DynamoDB Global Tables among others. This could mean that services used in even Europe have infrastructure features located in US-East-1 and can therefore be susceptible to a chain reaction.

Have there been past AWS outages?

After two prominent outages in September and December of 2021, customers were furious, calling US-East-1 a "systemic risk." The outage in December is often cited as the most severe in AWS history. It laid bare how fragile cloud dependencies could be. Lasting almost seven hours and costing S&P companies $150 million, the outage was caused to a typo in a command entered while debugging an issue.

Following the backlash, Amazon confirmed that new architectures were being rebuilt for both the AWS support case management system for customers to chat with technical support and the health dashboard. But, in June 2023, the region faced another outage taking down 100 services for around four hours with customers grappling with a recurring issue of not being able to reach out to AWS Support quickly, despite the changes.

Notably, every AWS region has a minimum of three different availability zones (AZ) that are all connected separately. And while customers were suggested to allow their apps and platforms to run in different availability zones to control risks of impact, the entire region has been prone to going down, taking everything with it.

Will there be more outages in future?

Some experts have predicted that cloud outages could increase due to the push towards introducing AI capabilities in enterprises which leads to an increased ingestion of data into the cloud, increasing the load on hyperscalers (global cloud computing is largely dominated by AWS, followed by Microsoft's Azure and Google Cloud).

As most experts have been warning repeatedly, the outage is a stark reminder that over-reliance on dominant cloud providers could bring global online companies down to their knees.

Gergely Orosz, author of the newsletter, 'The Pragmatic Engineer,' listed some unlikely cases of fallout from this outage, which included Postman, an API development tool, and Eight Sleep, a sleep fitness company.

"In both cases, things should have worked locally! It's what customers assumed, and it should have been possible. But clearly the dev teams found it simpler to take on a cloud dependency – and made no prep for an AWS region outage. So now customers know these are cloud products," he said in a X post.

Amazon released a report with a detailed summary of the 15-hour outage saying it will be temporarily disabling DynamoDB DNS Planner and that it will add "additional protections" to prevent DNS errors in future. The AWS team will also work on improving their internal testing to look for more such problems that stretched the outage.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Here is a quiz on events that happened on October 29

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

Just five days after nearly 13 million shares of U.S. stock were sold in one day in 1929, an additional 16 million shares were sold this day further fuelling the crisis known as the Great Depression. What was this day later called as?

QUESTION 2

On this day in 2015, this country announced that it was ending its one-child policy and beginning in 2016, couples could have two children. Name the country.

QUESTION 3

This Academy Award-nominated screenwriter for *Dr. Strangelove* and *Easy Rider*, died at age 71 on this day. Who was he?

QUESTION 4

American artist George Luks — one of a group of U.S. painters, died on this day in 1933. He belonged to a group because of their realistic treatment of urban scenes. What was the group called?

QUESTION 5

This country was established largely through the efforts of Kemal Atatürk who is considered the country's founder and served as its first President. Name the country.

QUESTION 6

On this day in 1901, Anarchist Leon Czolgosz was executed for the assassination of which U.S. President?

QUESTION 7

This person, born on this day in 1897, was the Minister of Propaganda for the German Third Reich under Adolf Hitler. Who was he?

Visual question:
Identify this former President of Liberia who was born on this day.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Name the Indian artist known as the 'father of Indian Animation'. **Ans: Ram Mohan**
2. This animated film was the first cartoon to use fully synchronised sound. **Ans: *Steamboat Willie***
3. This work became the first animated feature nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars. **Ans: *Beauty and the Beast***
4. The animation that was used in films like *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. **Ans: Stop Motion animation**
5. The name of the animation technique where live-action footage is traced over to create realistic motion. **Ans: Rotoscoping**
6. This Pixar hit was the first feature-length film animated entirely with CGI. **Ans: *Toy Story***
7. This studio was founded by Spielberg, Katzenberg, and Geffen in 1994. **Ans: DreamWorks Animation**
Visual: Name this legendary animator. **Ans: Hayako Miyazaki**
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Rohit Sah| Pranab Biswas| Ashok Gamaganoru| Dharmendra Singh

Language in conversation

Vaishali R. Venkat

"Dear Moon! At last, I've bumped into you in this dinosaur-era cottage, which looks weathered, yet wonderful. What are you up to?"

"Genius Genie! I am enjoying the sweetness of the rain. The tiny droplets on the leaves, and raindrops trickling down the windowpane are so pretty. Whenever it rains, I chase raindrops with my tongue, and I float a paper boat adrift in puddles."

"Do you love the rain so much?"

"Yes, Genie! I love the rain, right from its very first scent... the earthy fragrance that rises when it touches the dry ground. Hmm... that's my favourite smell in the whole world, Genie."

"Why are you beating around the bush, Moon? Just say petrichor!"

"Pardon, Genie. Peter, what...?"

"It's not Peter; it's petrichor. The English word for that earthy fragrance that rises when rain touches dry ground is petrichor. It's called *Saundhi Khushbu* in Hindi and *Mannvasanai* in Tamil. Two Australian scientists coined the term petrichor in 1964. Etymologically, the word comes from two Greek words petra (stone) and ichor (the golden ethereal fluid that runs in the veins of Gods in Greek mythology)."

"Thank you so much, Genie. I love that word! What part of speech is petrichor, and how do you use it in a sentence?"

"It's used only as a noun. Say for example: I try to capture the feeling of petrichor in my paintings; (or) I wandered in the woods to breathe in the refreshing petrichor; (or) The best part of the rain is the petrichor that lingers in the air."

"By the way, how do you pronounce the word?"

"The word is pronounced in two different ways. However, both are widely accepted and understood. As per American English, it's PEt-ri-kor – 'pet' as in pet; 'ri' as in rid; and 'kor' as in more. In British English, it's PEt-ri-kaw – the last 'r' is dropped and 'kaw' is pronounced as in law, awe etc."

"Oh, that's interesting, Genie."

"If you love the rain so much, I can tell you one more rain word, Moon. It's 'sun shower.' It's a short period of rain, which falls when the Sun is shining (simultaneously). It must be written as two words and not as one, and it's also not hyphenated. It's used only as a noun. For example: On my way back home, I got caught in a sudden sun shower."

"Wow! There's a word for a shower and sunshine together. How magical, Genie."

"Alright, time's up, Moon. Let's get going before the rain comes down heavily. I hope you brought your parapluie."

"Oh, come on, Genie. What's parapluie?"

"It's just a French word that's used in English to mean 'umbrella'. It's pronounced as pah-rah-plwee (like in sweet). It's the combination of Greek word para (against/to shield) and French word pluie, which itself is derived from the Latin word pluvia (both mean 'rain'). The word parapluie is a noun and it translates to 'against rain'. Like in, "I opened my pink parapluie as soon as I got out of my car."

"Great, Genie. Thank you so much for this tiny piece of knowledge that made my day."

Word of the day

Equivocal:
open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead; open to question; uncertain as a sign or indication

Synonyms: ambiguous

Usage: *The officer's equivocal behaviour increased the victim's uneasiness.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/equivocalpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˈkwɪvəkəl/

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RISE 06:12	SET 17:54
RISE 12:30	SET 00:00
THURSDAY, OCT. 30	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:54
RISE 13:15	SET 00:09
FRIDAY, OCT. 31	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:54
RISE 13:57	SET 01:03

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	24
Mysuru	27	19
Bengaluru	24	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Mostly dry weather to prevail.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Monsoon: Tree-fall incidents in city double this year

GBA data shows 1,222 trees were uprooted and 2,585 incidents of tree branch snapping recorded between May and September this year

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

During this southwest monsoon season, tree-fall incidents in Bengaluru have doubled compared to last year, crossing the 1,000 mark, according to data from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) reviewed by *The Hindu*.

GBA data shows that 1,222 trees were uprooted and 2,585 incidents of tree branch snapping were recorded between May and September this year. In 2024, the city witnessed 531 uprooted trees and 2,010 snapped branches between April and August, according to the data. There were no tree falls reported in September 2024.

Tragically, three people lost their lives and six were injured this year in accidents caused by falling trees or branches. In separate incidents, three people died after branches fell on them while they were riding scooters, raising serious concerns about the safety of both commuters and pedestrians in the city.

When nature falls: A tree that got uprooted owing to wind and rains in J.P. Nagar. K. MURALI KUMAR

Experts point to rapid urbanisation and its offshoots, such as concretisation and poor urban planning, as major causes behind the loss of green cover. Shifting the blame, officials from the GBA's Forest Wing and the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) attribute the situation to historical negligence and severe understaffing.

Unscientific works

A.N. Yellappa Reddy, former forest secretary and silviculturist, described urban tree management as a specialised subject, stressing that contracted field workers responsible for maintaining the city's green cover should be properly trained. However, he noted that the civic body provides no such training, highlighting its negligence.

Mr. Reddy explained that root cutting and canopy management must go hand in hand and be monitored by an expert or a tree officer knowledgeable about urban ecology.

"We must give equal attention to branch manipulation during root surgery (cutting roots for development works) to maintain the tree's balance. After surgery, trees should be sprayed with anti-fungal agents, and care should be taken not to damage tissues," Mr. Reddy said, adding that such practices are rarely followed.

Environmental activist Dattatraya Devare supported Mr. Reddy's view, noting that trees often become infected by termites, borers, and fungus due to poor management, which weakens them and eventually leads to tree falls. "Unscientific pruning by civic agencies, weakened roots from drain and construction work, and concreting around tree bases are other reasons for poor tree health," Mr. Devare explained.

Experts stressed that such negligence in urban tree management has left Bengaluru's trees vulnerable. The city's wind speeds range from 10 kmph to 40 kmph, sometimes reaching 50 kmph. Under such extreme conditions or during heavy rain, weak trees get uprooted and collapse, which is a recurring threat for Bengaluru.

While experts and activists cite multiple reasons, a GBA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that effective tree management requires adequate manpower, something the department sorely lacks. The forest wing currently has barely 20 officials, including office staff, to manage the entire city.

"Tree management is carried out regularly, but covering the whole city with such critical understaffing is impossible," the official said.

The official also pointed out that police have been filing cases against forest department officials, even though the negligence has deep historical roots.

Six cases have been filed against Forest Department officials this year.

Gaps in policy

Mr. Reddy noted that contractors responsible for managing green cover are not being held accountable for tree fall incidents. He highlighted the absence of clauses in tender documents that clearly define roles and responsibilities, including maintaining tree health reports, avoiding crude machinery for pruning, and ensuring scientific management practices.

Other experts also stressed that the civic body must create mechanisms for citizen participation in managing the city's green cover, as the lack of public involvement has led to poor accountability and persistent negligence.

GST cut, festive demand drive up car sales

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

The long festival season coinciding with a reduction in Goods and Service Tax (GST) drove up car sales across the country, with many major car brands reporting their highest ever bookings during the festive period.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer, Marketing and Sales, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said they received the highest ever bookings during a festive period this year, reaching 4 lakh in four weeks, with bookings of entry level cars seeing a growth of 70%.

"GST 2.0 has kickstarted the growth and a new set of customers are entering the market: two-wheeler customers upgrading to four-wheelers," he said.

Vinay Raina, chief commercial officer, JSW MG Motor India, said they witnessed an overwhelming response on the first day of Navratri, with bookings and deliveries rising by nearly 90% compared to the last two years.

"The reduction of GST to 18% for small petrol and diesel vehicles and 40% for larger vehicles has made car ownership more affordable and inclusive for India's diverse consumer base. Additionally, maintaining 5% GST on EVs demonstrates a clear policy push towards sustainable, future-ready mobility. These reforms, combined with the festive sentiment, have significantly boosted our car sales," Mr. Raina said, adding that the company recorded 34% year-on-year growth in September 2025 over September 2024, achieving its highest-ever wholesale in the calender year 2025.

While southern and western India continue to lead EV adoption, Mr. Raina said they are now seeing strong traction from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, reflecting growing confidence in electric mobility beyond metros.

The reduction of GST to 18% for small petrol and diesel vehicles and 40% for larger vehicles has made car ownership more affordable, according to stakeholders . FILE PHOTO

"Looking ahead, GST can make a real difference in shaping India's mobility landscape. However, a tiered approach with zero GST for EVs, 5% for plug-in hybrids and flex-fuel models, and higher rates for conventional ICE vehicles would create a clear economic signal," he added.

"The recent GST reforms made car prices more affordable for a wider range of customers. This has improved our value proposition and boosted festive season demand. We're seeing strong growth in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities," said Kunal Behl, vice-president of Marketing and Sales at Honda Cars India Ltd.

Luxury cars

The luxury car segment too felt the festive cheer. Rajan Amba, managing director, JLR India, said, "The GST cut has boosted demand for our luxury SUVs. Bookings have surged ahead of the festive season, and we're seeing growth beyond metros, with Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns showing increasing interest. We need to wait to see how the demand pans out post festive season to assess the long-term impact of the GST cut on luxury auto industry business."

Santosh Iyer, managing director and chief executive officer, Mercedes-Benz India, said that their cars have seen a price drop in the range of 5% to 8%, starting with ₹2 lakh for an A-Class sedan up to ₹10 lakh for an S-Class since GST 2.0. "The GST 2.0 has exceeded our expectations resulting in highest ever monthly sales in September 2025 and best-ever festive in 30 years of Mercedes-Benz's history in India," he said.

Used car market

Meanwhile, the used car market benefitted indirectly from these factors. "Used cars haven't seen a direct benefit from the GST cuts, but the reduction in new car prices is clearly influencing used car pricing patterns. As new car buyers upgrade sooner, we're seeing more trade-ins and better inventory quality in the used segment. At the same time, buyers are expecting greater value for the same money, which is reshaping how used cars are evaluated, said Hanish Yadav, senior vice-president & business head at Spinny.

Ramaiah Memorial Hospital observes World Osteoporosis Day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ramaiah Memorial Hospital marked World Osteoporosis Day on Tuesday by organising an awareness programme focused on bone health. The event aimed to educate the public about osteoporosis – a "silent" yet serious condition that affects over 500 million people globally.

Chitra S., Head of the Department and Consultant, Endocrinology, emphasised that osteoporosis is both preventable and treatable. She urged early screening and proactive prevention, particularly for women over the age of 50, who are at higher risk.

To enhance diagnostic capabilities, the hospital introduced the state-of-the-art GE Prodigy DXA Scanner. Nagendra Swamy S.C., Chief Executive of Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, highlighted the importance of prioritising bone health through awareness, timely diagnosis, and personalised care.

He reaffirmed the hospital's commitment to reducing fragility fractures and empowering individuals to lead stronger, more independent lives.

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended	Half-Year ended	Quarter ended	Quarter ended	Half-Year ended	Quarter ended
		30.09.2025	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	30.09.2025	30.09.2025	30.09.2024
		(Unaudited)			(Unaudited)		
1	Total Revenue from Operations	1,338.37	2,688.54	1,288.84	1,521.02	3,054.41	1,486.04
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional item)	186.92	372.60	175.70	201.80	400.93	193.20
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax)	186.92	372.60	175.70	201.80	400.93	193.20
4	Net Profit for the period (after tax)	140.27	278.62	130.64	152.75	300.69	143.84
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	151.99	291.86	139.06	175.41	330.68	162.24
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Re 1 each fully paid up)	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01
7	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Face value of Re 1/- each) (not annualised) (in Rs.) (a) Basic (b) Diluted	6.68 6.68	13.26 13.26	6.22 6.22	7.18 7.18	14.24 14.24	6.78 6.78

Notes:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.sundram.com. The full financial results can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided below.
2 The statutory auditors have carried out a limited review for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025 and have issued an unmodified review report thereon.

Place: Chennai
Date : October 28, 2025

For Sundram Fasteners Limited

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EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		QUARTER ENDED			SIX MONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED	QUARTER ENDED			SIX MONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED
		30.09.2025	30.06.2025	30.09.2024	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025	30.09.2025	30.06.2025	30.09.2024	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total income from operations	20069.09	18692.61	14447.53	38761.70	34812.81	71093.43	20039.86	18692.74	14429.11	38732.60	34794.56	71075.19
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	994.29	(80.10)	(857.37)	914.19	(387.73)	208.10	981.93	(63.58)	(861.57)	918.53	(377.45)	248.66
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	994.29	(80.10)	(857.37)	914.19	(387.73)	208.10	981.93	(63.58)	(861.57)	918.53	(377.45)	248.66
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	731.55	(56.62)	(629.49)	674.93	(286.89)	173.53	719.19	(40.10)	(633.69)	679.27	(276.61)	214.09
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	739.67	(49.99)	(635.38)	689.68	(294.45)	164.55	727.31	(33.47)	(639.58)	694.02	(284.17)	204.74
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				8154.77	4748.18	7539.55				8427.26	4932.58	7807.70
8.	Securities Premium Account				250.04	250.04	250.04				250.04	250.04	250.04
9.	Networth				8553.72	5147.13	7938.50				8826.21	5331.53	8206.65
10.	Paid up Debt Captial / Outstanding Debt (Bonds / Debentures) excluding Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares				-	810.00	810.00				-	810.00	810.00
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares (2025: Nil {2024:50,00,00,000} Non-Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 10 each) (Not listed)				-	500.00	500.00				-	500.00	500.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio				0.22	0.81	0.39				0.22	0.79	0.38
13.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)												
	(i) Basic (₹ / share)	49.13	(3.80)	(42.27)	45.32	(19.27)	11.65	48.30	(2.69)	(42.56)	45.62	(18.58)	14.38
	(ii) Diluted (₹ / share)	49.13	(3.80)	(42.27)	45.32	(19.27)	11.65	48.30	(2.69)	(42.56)	45.62	(18.58)	14.38

Note:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in
2 For the other items of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to stock exchanges (BSE and NSE) and can be accessed on www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Rohit Kumar Agrawala
Director (Finance)
DIN: 10048961

Place : Chennai
Date : October 27, 2025

HC stays GO restricting use of public properties

'Prima facie. the GO has taken away the right conferred upon citizens under the Constitution, which gives freedom of speech and expression and right for congregation and free movement'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of a gathering at Lalbagh in Bengaluru. A Government Order of October 18 had stated that a gathering of 10 or more persons in any public place without prior permission would be treated as an 'unlawful assembly'.

While staying the Karnataka government's recent order, which restricted the use of public properties, including roads, parks, playgrounds, etc., without prior permission for gathering of 10 or more persons, the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday said that the restriction "*prima facie* is violative of Article 13(2) of the Constitution of India."

"*Prima facie* the Government Order [GO] of October 18, 2025, has taken away the right conferred upon a citizen or citizens under Chapter-III [Fundamental Rights] of the Constitution of India, that is Article 19(1) (a) and (b), which gives freedom of speech and expression and right for congregation and free movement," it said.

Interim order

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on a petition filed before Dharward Bench of the High Court by various Hubballi and Dharwad-based non-government organisations and individuals.

The court also stayed all consequential orders, notifications or circular, if any, issued by the government.

"If this GO is left to be operational during the pendency of the petition, it would in effect be violative of Article 13(2) of Constitution of India, which indicates that law conferred under fundamental rights can be abridged only by a law," the court observed.

As the GO states that gathering of 10 or more persons in any public place either on street/road, park, playgrounds, waterbodies, etc., without prior permission would be treated as an "unlawful assembly", the court pointed out that this GO has sprung when the regulation of assembly of people is governed under the provisions of the Karnataka Police (KP) Act, which regulates the conduct, behaviour and action of persons constituting assembly and processions in public place, etc.

When the subject of regulation of assembly of people is government under the KP Act, the October 18 GO can have any semblance of effect of taking away the fundamental rights conferred upon a citizen or citizens under the Constitution, the court said.

Earlier, senior advocate Ashok Haranahalli, appearing for the petitioners, pointed out that the GO is violative of the provisions of the KP Act.

Going by the nature and restriction imposed in the GO, Mr. Haranahalli contended, it would mean that even having a laughter club session or walking in a group in a park would become an "unlawful assembly'" if no prior permission was taken.

Interpretation of GO

Though activities of any private organisations or individuals in public properties were not referred to in the GO, it was interpreted the restrictions were imposed to curb the activities of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), as the Cabinet approved issuance of the GO a few days after Karnataka's IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge wrote a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking a ban on activities of organisations such as the RSS on public properties like government schools, colleges, etc.

Demand to withdraw GO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Campaign for the Right to Protest, a collective of civic organisations, has demanded that instead of appealing against the High Court order, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has suggested, the State government should immediately withdraw the October 18 Government Order restricting all activities on public land.

"This GO was brought in haste and had the potential to disrupt all public, democratic activities. This GO added to the existing restrictions on protests and rallies," the statement said.

"While we share the concern about organisations such as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) using public grounds to spread hate, vigilantism and militarised ideology, we believe that such actions should be addressed through existing legal provisions—not by curtailing the democratic freedoms of all citizens," it further said.

RSS route march: Peace meeting ends in acrimony

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Leaders of Dalit and Left organisations raise slogans against the RSS in Kalaburagi on Tuesday. ARUN KULKARNI

The controversy over the proposed Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) route march in Chittapur deepened on Tuesday when a peace meeting convened by the Kalaburagi district administration, as directed by the Karnataka High Court, ended in acrimony, after the RSS delegation rejected the demand made by other groups to give up lathis (wooden staffs) and replace them with national flags and copies of the Preamble to the Constitution during its centenary march.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Taranum, was attended by representatives of 10 organisations.

On different days

When Ms. Taranum asked if the organisations were ready to hold their respective route marches on different dates, a few organisations opposed granting permission to the RSS, claiming it was not a registered organisation.

Tensions erupted when CPI(M) district secretary K. Neela, Bharatiya Dalit Panthers leader Mallappa Hosamani, and scholar R.K. Hudgi jointly proposed that the RSS be allowed to hold its route march only if its volunteers agreed to give up lathis and instead carry the national flag and copies of the Constitution's Preamble.

Ambaraya Ashtagi, State vice-president of the BJP's Scheduled Caste Morcha and a member of the RSS delegation, objected vehemently, questioning why the RSS should "follow others' diktat" on how to conduct its event. "We cannot allow others to tell us what to carry in our march," he reportedly said, sparking a heated exchange.

Other participants countered that carrying lathis in a communally-sensitive town like Chittapur could provoke tensions. The argument grew sharp, leading to an abrupt end of the meeting without a consensus.

Sloganeering

Outside the meeting venue, a large number of supporters from various Dalit, Left, and progressive organisations had gathered. As the meeting broke up around 1 p.m., protesters raised slogans against the RSS and its "divisive politics," prompting the police to escort the RSS representatives safely out of the Deputy Commissioner's office premises.

"Since a large crowd had gathered outside, we provided safe passage to the RSS delegation as a precautionary measure," said a senior police officer. Police personnel have been deployed in front of Mr. Ashtagi's house.

Emerging from the meeting, Bhim Army State president S.S. Tawde told reporters that his organisation, along with other like-minded groups, would hold their own route march on the same day as the RSS refused to replace the lathis with the national flag and the Constitution Preamble. "We will show our commitment to the Constitution," he declared.

Dinesh Doddamani, district general secretary, Karnataka Rajya Chalavadi Kshemabhivruddi Sangha, argued that the RSS was "setting Dalit leaders against each other." "Since the majority of Dalit organisations opposed the RSS route march, they pushed forward Ambaraya Ashtagi, a Dalit and BJP leader, to counter us in the meeting. He is being used as a shield," he alleged.

Mr. Ashtagi countered it and said, "I have no issue with the national flag. It was the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi that launched the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. But we don't need lessons in patriotism from anyone. The RSS will do what the court directs, not what other organisations dictate."

Gayatri takes charge as KSP administrator

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has appointed K.M. Gayatri, director of the Kannada and Culture Department, as the administrator of the Kannada Sahitya Parisat (KSP) in the wake of various allegations of misuse of money and power. Following a Government Order, Ms. Gayatri took charge of the KSP on Tuesday.

Three months

The order states that she will act as the administrator for the next three months or until the investigation into KSP's financial irregularities is completed.

The Cooperative Department issued an order this July and appointed an inquiry officer to investigate the allegations of financial irregularities and misuse of power in KSP.

70 people likely to get Rajyotsava Award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government is likely to honour 70 individuals with the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday chaired a meeting of the selection committee and short-listed about 160 candidates for the award. The award will be given on November 1, Karnataka Rajyotsava Day.

No time frame fixed on tenure of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, says Parameshwara

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the ruling Congress in Karnataka inches closer to the halfway point of its tenure in November, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said on Tuesday that no time frame was specified for the tenure of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking to reporters here, Dr. Parameshwara said Mr. Siddaramaiah was elected leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) after the 2023 Assembly elections to become the Chief Minister for the five-year term.

After the party secured a majority in the 2023 polls, the CLP leader (Mr. Siddaramaiah) was elected in a meeting of all MLAs.

"We were not told then that he would be Chief Minister for only two-and-a-half years," Dr. Parameshwara said. On the issue of a possible change of leadership 30 months after the formation of the government, he said, "We are not aware of any developments since then. In our view, we chose Mr. Siddaramaiah to be the Chief Minister for five years."

However, the Home Minister was quick to add, "If the high command decides otherwise, we will accept it—that is all we can do. We had not fixed any time frame while choosing the CLP leader; if the high command decides anything else, it is up to them."

On Dalit organisations' demand for a Dalit Chief Minister, Dr. Parameshwara said various organisations have expressed their views.

"The Congress is like a training school. There are many leaders capable of becoming the Chief Ministers. We cannot give statements daily on leadership change."

Taking another view, Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi said the time has not come for Dalit leaders to occupy the top post now. "They (Dalits) have to wait for the opportunity," he said.

Need his blessing

Meanwhile, speaking to a private TV channel, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar stressed the need for Mr. Siddaramaiah's support and blessing for the Congress party's future success in the State.

A loyalist of the Chief Minister, Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa found nothing wrong with Mr. Siddaramaiah's statement that the high command will make a decision on continuing him as the Chief Minister.

Many moods and shades

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appears to be changing the tone and tenor of his statements related to leadership change. On July 2 and 10, 2025, Mr. Siddaramaiah categorically stated that he would remain in the post for the full five-year term and indicated that he would also lead the party in the 2028 Legislative Assembly elections.

Since then, he has been less categorical in his statements. While he once talked of the importance of support of MLAs, at other times he has spoken about every decision resting solely with the high command.

New HC judge assumes office

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju assumed office as a judge of the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday after being transferred from the Delhi High Court. Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru administered the oath of office to her.

Justice Ganju, after securing Bachelor's degrees in Political Science in 1992 and in law in 1995 from University of Delhi, enrolled as an advocate in 1995 and practised before the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court. She was elevated as a judge of the Delhi High Court on May 18, 2002.

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Pre- Tender Consultation Meeting Notice

Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) invites Pre-Tender Consultation Meeting with e-Bus Manufacturers (OEMs) and Gross Cost Contract Bus Operators.

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Description	Date & Time
Pre-Tender Consultation Meeting through Off line and Online **Venue: CMRL, 12th floor, Meeting Hall: Marutham, Nandanam, Chennai- 600035**	**03.11.2025 at 11.00 Hrs**

Pre-Tender Consultation Meeting link will be shared in MTC and CUMTA official website. For visit MTC websites **www.mtcbus.tn.gov.in** and CUMTA website **www.cumta.tn.gov.in.**

MTC (Chennai) Ltd reserves the right to cancel / Postpone the meeting without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/ 1281 /DISPLAY/2025 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders in Two Stage Tender System from eligible Contractors for the following Works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount
Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.		
IFT No.:BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/982/2025-26		**Date: 28-10-2025**
1	Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 90 MLD STP at Bellandur for the Period of 5 Years.	**Rs. 1471.34 Lakhs** / **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs**
IFT No.:BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/980/2025-26		**Date: 28-10-2025**
2	Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 15 MLD STP at Yelemallappachetty, 5 MLD ISPS at Sadaramangala and Maintenance of Pumping Line of 450 mm Dia DI Pipeline from Sadaramangala ISPS for 3.5 kms for the Period of 5 Years.	**Rs. 1246.04 Lakhs** / **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs**

For both the above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: **29-11-2025 upto 16.00 Hours.**
Technical Bids will be Opened on: **02-12-2025 at 17.00 Hours.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (WWM-East)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement Process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/Adverto/3461/2025-26

By E-Mail/e-Despatch E_Mail ID:- serwcbaripada@gmail.com ; Ph.No. 06792-261343 / 261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA
"e" Procurement Notice for Plan Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender-Road N.C.B. No.394 for 2025-26
Letter No. 4748 / Date : 15.10.2025 //

1. Name of the Work : Road Work in the District of Mayurbhanj for the year 25-26
2. Total No. of Work : 34 Nos (Thirty Four)
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.197.13 Lakhs & Rs.1420.77 Lakhs (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W.Circle,Baripada. Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada.	Road On-line N.C.B. No. 394	Dt.30.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.18.11.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.17.11.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.19.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in
- Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.

O-1104 : Sd/- A.K.Naik, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Baripada.
OIPR-25130/11/0060/2526

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318
Balia,Balasore

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
"e" - Procurement Notice for Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 40 for 2025-26
Letter No: - 3784 Date: - 23.10.2025

1. Name of the Work : (MMSY-CMRL)
2. Total No. of Work : 33 Nos. of work.
3. Estimated Cost : As per annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contactor : As per annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.-40 of 2025-26	30.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	15.11.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	14.11.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	17.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

O-1215: Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.
OIPR-25105/11/0085/2526

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Crops, power sector bear cyclone's brunt

Paddy and cotton are the worst hit, together accounting for more than 80% of the total damaged area in Andhra Pradesh; power sector records losses worth around ₹2,200 crore; restoration work under progress; Chandrababu Naidu orders round-the-clock monitoring in vulnerable districts

G.V.R. Subba Rao
VIJAYAWADA

Evacuated fisherfolk families have food at a relief camp set up in a government school in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh, on Tuesday (left); High tidal waves lash the shore under the influence of the Cyclone Montha in Kakinada district. K.R. DEEPAK

Cyclone Montha has inflicted extensive damage on agriculture and power infrastructure across Andhra Pradesh.

The preliminary assessment by the Agriculture Department reveal that over 43,000 hectares of crops have been submerged, affecting nearly 83,000 farmers across 292 mandals and 1,712 villages.

According to the three power distribution companies in the State – APEPDCL, APCPDCL, and APSPDCL – the total estimated loss to the power sector would be around ₹2,200 crore, with large-scale damage done to power substations, transformers, poles, and power lines.

Worst- hit crops

According to the Agriculture department's data, paddy and cotton are the worst hit, together accounting for more than 80% of the total damaged area.

Paddy fields in 31,267 hectares were inundated, while cotton crops over 15,680 hectares suffered extensive damage due to continuous rainfall and flooding.

Among the districts, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema reported the highest crop damage with 10,099 hectares being submerged.

In addition to paddy and cotton, maize over 4,393 hectares and blackgram in 3,004 hectares were damaged, while bajra, redgram, and soybean suffered partial losses. The report noted that 53 hectares of nurseries were affected in several regions, compounding the impact on farmers' livelihoods.

The officials said that restoration work of power infrastructure was progressing rapidly, despite heavy rains and flooding in several coastal areas.

With teams working round-the-clock and power being restored in a phased manner, the authorities hope that supply to all urban centres and essential installations would be normalised within the next 24 hours.

Constant monitoring

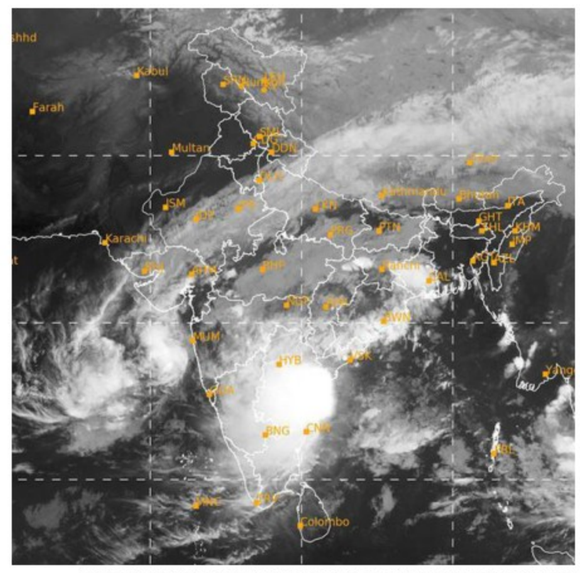
Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday instructed officials to take all necessary preventive and precautionary measures as Cyclone Montha approaches the Andhra Pradesh coast. Mr. Naidu stressed the need for round-the-clock monitoring and utmost vigilance in all vulnerable districts.

The Chief Minister directed that NDRF and SDRF teams be deployed in and around Kakinada, where the cyclone is likely to make landfall.

Officials said that enumeration teams were conducting detailed field assessments to ascertain the full extent of damage.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Gujarat, Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.5	24.2	Kozhikode	23	29.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	6	26.3	21.4	Kurnool	19	25.0	23.6
Aizawl	—	31.7	19.3	Lucknow	3	25.4	19.9
Allahabad	—	29.6	21.5	Madurai	0.4	33.5	24.1
Bengaluru	—	24.3	19.9	Mangaluru	2	29.5	23.1
Bhopal	—	25.4	20.4	Mumbai	2	32.8	24.7
Bhubaneswar	18	28.7	24.0	Mysuru	—	28.6	21.0
Chandigarh	—	32.5	16.6	New Delhi	—	26.4	20.0
Chennai	8.8	24.6	22.9	Patna	—	31.7	26.2
Coimbatore	1	28.8	22.3	Port Blair	1	29.5	25.0
Dehradun	—	28.3	16.2	Puducherry	4.8	32.0	24.6
Gangtok	—	15.7	14.4	Pune	95	31.1	22.5
Goa	25	30.8	22.6	Raipur	—	29.2	24.1
Guwahati	—	31.5	22.6	Ranchi	—	29.3	20.6
Hubballi	—	24.0	21.0	Shillong	—	23.8	13.8
Hyderabad	5	28.4	22.2	Shimla	†	22.8	12.3
Imphal	—	30.9	23.1	Srinagar	—	23.4	4.0
Jaipur	7	21.8	18.4	Thiruvananthapuram	10	30.0	23.4
Kochi	27	30.6	22.6	Tiruchi	—	31.1	25.4
Kohima	—	28.2	17.9	Vijayawada	8	28.8	24.6
Kolkata	—	34.2	25.8	Visakhapatnam	191	29.1	24.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.11	.16	54	11	24	
Bengaluru	.10	.30	44	68	86	
Chennai	.15	.14	37	34	61	
Delhi	.27	.47	48	346	276	
Hyderabad	.15	.17	41	77	90	
Kolkata	.7	.17	46	116	102	
Lucknow	.7	.57	75	129	137	
Mumbai	.—	.26	25	141	107	
Pune	.—	.37	43	36	61	
Visakhapatnam	.7	.8	10	24	36	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bahadurgarh, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 347 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Rising sea surface temperatures leading to more cyclones'

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM

Since 2010, Andhra Pradesh has borne the brunt of at least 10 major tropical cyclones, some of them categorised as severe and very severe cyclonic storms. Tamil Nadu and Odisha have also been affected by these storms.

Meteorologists have identified a common element in these storms – the high intensity of the storms and the trails of destruction they left – and they blame the rapid rise in sea surface temperature (SST) over the last few decades.

Rising SST

According to Prof. S.S.V.S. Ramakrishna, former Head of Department (HoD) of Oceanography and Meteorology, Andhra University, the Bay of Bengal has recorded a consistent rise in the SST.

Sea temperatures have regularly exceeded the 20°C to 30°C mark, creating an ideal environment for the formation of tropical cyclones.

"As the water gets warmer, latent heat energy increases, increasing the possibility of cyclones. In the last 50 years, studies conducted by IITM Pune have indicated that the SST in Bay of Bengal has gone up by 0.5°C to 1°C," he said.

Prof. O.S.R.U. Bhanu Kumar, former HoD, from the same department, attributed the changing factor to global warming and climate change. The warming of the atmosphere increases the capacity of air to hold moisture, leading to heavier rainfall during cyclones.

In recent times, positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and La Niña have contributed to more favourable conditions for cyclonic formations over the Bay of Bengal, he said.

Both experts cautioned that deforestation and degradation of coastal ecosystems like mangroves and wetlands, have reduced the natural buffers, amplifying the damage caused by cyclones.

Cyclone trail

Cyclones that hit Andhra Pradesh in the past 15 years

Name	Category	Date	Landfall	Wind speed	Death toll
Phailin	Extremely Severe	Oct. 8 to 14, 2013	Gopalpur, Odisha	260 kmph	45
Helen	Severe Cyclonic	Nov. 20–23, 2013	Machilipatnam, A.P.	130 kmph	Nil
Hudhud	Very Severe	Oct. 7–14, 2014	Visakhapatnam, A.P.	150-180 kmph	124
Titli	Very Severe	Oct. 8–13 2018	Near Palasa, A.P.	195 kmph	89
Michaung	Severe	Dec. 1 To 6, 2023	Near Bapatla, A.P.	120 kmph	17

A fallen tree blocks a road in Machilipatnam as Cyclone Montha brought in heavy rain in Andhra Pradesh. PTI

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Nature of work	Due date
252613 005141	Procurement of Imported Waste Paper from anywhere in the world (Other than India) for TNPL Unit - I at Kagithapuram on C&F Tuticorin basis.	11.11.2025
252613 005200	BCTMP Hardwood 80 - High Yield Pulp for Unit - I.	10.11.2025
252613 005266	Procurement of Filler Grade Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit - I.	04.11.2025
252623 003017	Procurement of Cooking Aid for Continuous Digester for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit - II.	14.11.2025

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. For further details, please visit websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/5873/Tender/2025 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

Karnataka Labour Welfare Board
Office of the Welfare Commissioner,
Karmika Kalyana Bhavan, No.48, Mattikere Main Road,
Near RTO Office, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore-560 022.
Phone: 080 23575130

No: LWB/Admin-2/Advertisement/CR-23/2025-26 Date: 28-10-2025

SPACE AVAILABLE

About 3,222 Sq.ft space in 2nd floor and About 3,222 Sq.ft Space in 3rd Floor is available for rent in the Samudaya Bhavan Office Complex, Karnataka Labour Welfare Board, Near Govt.Primary School, Opp. Anjaneya Temple, Peenya 1st Stage, Bangalore. Interested Government/ Private Organizations who want to avail the above space for office use. Contact the Welfare Commissioner, Karnataka Labour Welfare Board, Bangalore-560 022. Further details Phone No. **080 23570266 / 080 23575130.**

Sd/- Welfare Commissioner, Karnataka Labour Welfare Board, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/R3467/AAPL/2025-26

KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
KMF Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-26096834 / 26096840 E-mail: kmfengg@gmail.com

IFTNo.KMF/ENGG/NHMPP/ETP_O&M_WORKS/2025-26 Date: 27.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

[Two cover System] [Through KPP Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd., Bengaluru invites tenders from the eligible ETP Operation & Maintenance Contractors & any other eligible companies who have executed similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & also contact **Helpdesk Email: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com, supporteprochelpdesk.com and Helpline No. +91-804601000, +91-8068948777, 080-22230960, 080-22234115].**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Contract
1	BiAnnual Contract for Providing Manpower and Operation / Maintenance of 1500 KLPD Capacity Effluent Treatment Plant at NHMPP - Kannamangala, Channapatna Taluk, Bengaluru South District.	1,30,000/-	2 years

(1) Tenders schedules may be downloaded from dated **29.10.2025 to 14.11.2025 upto 4:00 PM. (2)** Last date for Tender submission on **14.11.2025 upto 4:00 PM. (3)** Tender [Part 1] to be opened on **17.11.2025 at 11:30 AM.** The interested & reputed applicants may participate in the tender by logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Hence forth changes / modifications in the tender, It will be uploaded in the KPP portal only.

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/- Director [Engineering-1]

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ–576229. ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ದರಪಟ್ಟಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ತಾಲೂಕನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವ "ಮಡಾಮಕ್ಕಿ ಏತ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆ"ಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಸರ್ವೆ ಕನ್ಸಲ್ಟೆನ್ಸಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ಕೆಲಸದ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದರವನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ, ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 7 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ ಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08259–284240ಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಸನಿಉ/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂಸಿಎ/488/25–26 ದಿ: 28.10.25

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕನೀನಿ, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಿದ್ಧಾಪುರ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

KARNATAKA STATE NATURAL DISASTER MONITORING CENTRE (KSNDMC)
(A Regd. Society of Govt. of Karnataka)
Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road, Near Yelahanka-Attur Layout, Bengaluru- 560 064. Ph.: 080-67355000

No. KSNDMC/ACT/13/2020 Date: 28.10.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

KSNDMC invites tenders for the following through e-procurement portal on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**.

Tenders are invited for Supply, Installation and Comprehensive Annual maintenance for five years of Telemetric Rain gauge stations in 1530 locations in Karnataka. Tender No. KSNDMC/2025-26/IND0002. Last date for submission: **28.11.2025,** pre bid meeting: **10.11.2025 at 11.00AM at KSNDMC.** Further the tender document details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of GoK.

Sd/- Director

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ2.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:34:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:24–10–2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳಡಿ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ನಿಧಿ ಉಳಿಕೆ.–01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ.:–03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)–01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, ದರ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) –01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, ಒಟ್ಟು 06 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. **ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 06 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ :** ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–10–2025 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 12–11–2025 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 12–11–2025 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14–11–2025 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/439/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs

Online e-bids (Short-Term) are invited from interested bidders for purchase of 145 kV Current Transformers (0.2s Class) of various ratios with polymer bushing (BN-9015002519, UBN- VPN2526GLRL02023).

The detailed NIB and Bid document /specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** Details of NIB are available on website **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn.** Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn** only.

Superintending Engineer (Proc-I)

Raj.Samwad/C/25/12738 RRVPN/TR-7198/2025

Government of Karnataka
Health and Family Welfare Services,
Mother and Child Hospital,
Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.
Email id: amomchshikaripura@gmail.com Ph: 8296931270
No.: W.C.H.S./Development(1)/Diet Food/01/2025-26
Date: 23.10.2025

TENDER REFERENCE NO- DHFWS/2025-26/IND1898 DATED 23/10/2025

E-TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF READY GOOD QUALITY DIET FOOD SUPPLY TO MCH SHIKARIPURA FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

Bids are invited from interested Bidders to be submitted (Through e-procurement) for supply of prepared Diet Food and Bread to Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura at an approx. cost of Rs. 74.60 lakhs for the year 2025-26.

Tender documents with complete details may be downloaded from KTPP e- PORTAL https://ktpp.karnataka.gov.in/ Last date for submission of tender through Portal is DATE:17/11/2025 @ 04:30 PM (DHFWS/2025-26/IND1898)

Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/124/10/1153

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

NO: EE/MID/Koppal/Corrigendum/2025-26/3635
Dated: 27-10-2025

CORRIGENDUM

Ref:- This office tender notification No: 3522 Dated: 23.10.2025

Adverting to the above cited reference, The Workin respect of thetender conditions/documents may please be read as follows.

As Notified Earlier: Opening date for submission of tender documents.: 27.10.2025 **Now To be Read as:** Opening date for submission of tender documents.: **29.10.2025**

As Notified Earlier: Last date for submission of completed tender documents.: 05.11.2025 up to 17.30 Hours **Now To be Read as:** Last date for submission of completed tender documents **07.11.2025** up to 17.30 Hours

As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: 07.11.2025 , 11.00 Hours **Now To be Read as:** Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: **10.11.2025**, 11.00 Hours

As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: 10.11.2025 , 11.00 Hours **Now To be Read as:** Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: **12.11.2025**, 11.00 Hours

All other terms and conditions of the Original tender notification remain unchanged

Sd/-Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/414/KSMCA/2025-26

ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
2ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಸದಾಶಿವನಗರ, ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ–562123
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: nelamangala.pa@gmail.com Phone No: 96630 46622

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ನೆಯೋಪ್ರಾ/ಆಡಳಿತ/ನಿಶೇ/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28.10.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ನಿಧಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 53.50 ಕೋಟಿಗಳನ್ನು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಮೀರದಂತೆ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಠೇವಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕೃತ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗಳಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ TPA/2025-26/AUCTION 59 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕೃತ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ನವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.11.2025 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ ಒಳಗೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಪ್ರ)
ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನೆ,
ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ–ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ನೆಲಮಂಗಲ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/3470/2025–26

ಆಹಾರ, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಹಕ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಆಯುಕ್ತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ನಂ.8, ಕನ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಹ್ಯಾಂ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನೋಟಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್

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Missed opportunity

India could have made better use of the ASEAN Summit

Since 1995, when India became a dialogue partner of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and 2002, when it was upgraded to Summit level, the annual ASEAN summit has been an opportunity for India to reconnect with a region with historical linkages, and now increasing geopolitical importance. In addition to the ASEAN and ASEAN-India summits, the annual East Asia Summit (including the U.S., China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, India and the ASEAN countries) is a chance for the Indian leadership to interact with the most powerful countries on Indo-Pacific issues. The rebirth of the Australia-India-Japan-U.S. 'Quad', for example, took place in 2017, after a decade-long hiatus, on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit. Underlining this importance in his virtual speech at the ASEAN-India summit in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the 21st century "the century of India and ASEAN", and committed to India's support to "ASEAN Unity, ASEAN Centrality, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific". He also announced that 2026 would be the year of ASEAN-India maritime cooperation, with a focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster response, maritime security and the region's blue economy. The summit – External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar represented India – came at a time of increased geopolitical turbulence, including the economic turmoil unleashed by the U.S.'s tariff policy, China's constraints on crucial exports, and maritime tensions. At the East Asia Summit, Mr. Jaishankar called the times "complicated", taking aim at the U.S. for constraining energy trade with Russia and applying its principles "selectively", and China for supply chain reliability and market access issues. India and ASEAN also committed to finalising the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) soon.

The strong statements and commitment to cooperation did not, however, sufficiently cover for Mr. Modi's absence from the Summit – he was absent in 2022 also. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Mr. Modi had expressed his inability to attend due to festivities in India, but the explanation was unconvincing as the ASEAN engagement had been planned months in advance. While some pointed to Mr. Modi's campaign schedule for the Bihar Assembly polls, others cited U.S. President Donald Trump's presence and India-U.S. trade deal tensions as a possible reason for his staying away. A few even suggested a lingering strain in the India-Malaysia relationship over Malaysia's diplomatic support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, and a visit by the Pakistani Prime Minister to Kuala Lumpur earlier this month. Mr. Modi may have had international, domestic or bilateral reasons, but the no-show was a missed opportunity, especially when other global players including the U.S. and China demonstrated their commitment to regional stability, by simply being there.

Relief, rehabilitation

India's east coast invariably bears the brunt of cyclones

Historically, October and November mark the period when the Bay of Bengal throws up devastating cyclones. Of the 12 such cyclones during the 18th Century CE-20th Century CE, nine were recorded in these months. They include the severe cyclone which made landfall near Nizampatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on November 19, 1977, and the super cyclone, which crossed the Odisha coast near Paradip on October 29, 1999. The human toll in both disasters was about 10,000 each, according to an India Meteorological Department (IMD) publication in 2021. Memories of such events get rekindled whenever a cyclonic storm develops in the Bay, an example being Cyclone Montha, which began to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm on October 27-28, 2025. Though not as strong as the ones in 1977 and 1999, this does not provide much comfort to the authorities in the three coastal States, including Odisha. Parts of north coastal Andhra Pradesh, especially Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli and Srikakulam districts, and also Ganjam and Gajapati of Odisha have received significant rainfall. In Andhra's Kakinada and Konaseema regions, nearly 10,000 people were evacuated. The Odisha government made arrangements for the evacuation of people from vulnerable places amid inclement weather in several southern districts where there was a "red alert". National Disaster Response Force teams were also deployed.

Over the years, the preparedness of the Union and State governments has improved to an extent where the prospect of thousands dying in cyclones has become a thing of the past, if the last 20-odd years are an indication. However, there is still damage to public and private properties, affecting the livelihood opportunities of the underprivileged sections in particular. Likewise, milch and draught animals and poultry are severely impacted. When Cyclone Gaja struck the Tamil Nadu coast near Vedaranayam in November 2018, Nagapattinam district and Thanjavur saw large-scale losses of cattle and poultry. Several coastal States have been taking measures, structural and non-structural, to mitigate the effect of cyclones. Notwithstanding improvements to their knowledge and skills, the authorities in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha will have to demonstrate in action all that they have learnt so far while undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures. The political leadership should not lag behind and must ensure that all affected people are safeguarded and treated in an impartial way.

Rethinking immigration in the age of exclusion

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The arrival of Columbus in the New World marked the beginning of a long history of human migration, driven by the universal quest for survival, hope and dignity. Yet, in a grotesque inversion of history, contemporary politics in the United States, particularly under the Trump administration, has perversely transformed immigration into a toxic battleground of fear, exclusion and ideological warfare. By erasing this brutal history, successive governments in the United States have perpetuated a myth of exceptionalism, even as it denies the humanity of those seeking refuge on its shores.

As schoolchildren, many of us were asked to write an essay on the theme, "What if Columbus had not discovered America?" Understandably, the very framing of this question is steeped in colonial ideology that assumes that Columbus's landing was a historic necessity, a great leap for civilisation rather than what it actually was. Our answers, drawn from textbooks that valorised explorers and erased victims, inevitably celebrated Columbus's courage and navigational daring. We were taught to admire the predator, never to mourn the prey.

The destruction of vibrant civilisations

But what if Columbus had not landed in the Bahamas in 1492? What if the Arawaks, the generous, peace-loving people he first encountered, had been allowed to live in peace? What if the Americas had been allowed to evolve on their own terms, with their own cultures, languages, and knowledge systems flourishing unmolested? The Iroquois Confederacy, for instance, had developed a sophisticated democratic system that inspired elements of the U.S. Constitution, though that influence is often buried or denied. These were not "primitive" societies awaiting rescue. They were civilisations with libraries, roads and astronomy, all destroyed in the name of gold and god.

From the early waves of European colonisation in the Americas and Africa to the apartheid regimes of South Africa, migration has not merely been a matter of movement. It has also been a means of conquest, expansion and domination. Settler colonial projects thrived through the forceful displacement and systematic downgrading of native populations, manifesting in overt and subtle ways through systems of oppression that are deeply ingrained in societal structures that perpetuate racial disparity and injustice. The U.S., frequently celebrated as an ideal for the "tired, poor, huddled masses", was itself forged through the expurgation of native peoples and the abuse of enslaved labour. By denying entry to migrants, powerful nations conveniently obscure their own complicity in creating the conditions that drive people to flee.

> The future of immigration policy is linked to a willingness to confront the dark past and the brutal realities of the present

The intricate dynamics of historical memory and its distortion are starkly illustrated in the U.S.'s approach to immigration and counter-terrorism. Let us for a moment go back to the distressing example of "Geronimo", the code word said to have been used in the 2011 mission ("Operation Neptune Spear") to eliminate Osama bin Laden. By appropriating the name of the legendary Apache leader, Geronimo, the U.S. military inadvertently highlighted its historical amnesia. Geronimo was a complex figure, a warrior who resisted Mexican and U.S. military forces, seeking to preserve Apache sovereignty and way of life. Labelling him a terrorist overlooks the nuances of his struggle and reduces it to simplistic binaries.

But this is no isolated misstep, for it is symptomatic of a deeper sickness in the dominant historical narrative; a narrative that begins in 1492 with the mythic arrival of Christopher Columbus. This moment is still described in textbooks, museums and mindless school rhymes as the "discovery" of America. The truth, of course, is far more brutal. Columbus did not discover a new world. He invaded one, and that invasion set in motion one of the most ferocious chapters in human history. Columbus's arrival heralded not discovery, but genocide. The devastation was total.

What mainstream historians miss

Mainstream historians seldom dwell on the mass enslavement, the sexual violence or the cultural annihilation. To question Columbus's legacy is to invite accusations of being "anti-American" or "revisionist". But if revision means restoring truth to the record, then revisionism is a moral obligation. The problem is not that we remember too little; it is that we remember too selectively.

The Columbus myth, far from being a harmless fable, is the ideological blueprint for centuries of colonial expansion, white supremacy and racial capitalism. It legitimises the pillaging of the Americas, the enslavement of Africans, and the later interventions of American imperialism under the guise of spreading "freedom". The mentality that justified the extermination of the Arawaks is the same that rationalises drone strikes today.

Fast-forward to the 21st century, and the brutal calculus of migration remains unchanged: flee war-torn Syria, economically ravaged Venezuela, or climate-ravaged sub-Saharan Africa, and you will be met with suspicion and hostility at the borders of the Global North. The Trump presidency has been a zenith of this xenophobic fervour, pathologising immigration as an existential threat to American identity. The border wall, family separations, and the Muslim ban are not just policy aberrations but ideological manifestos that codify cruelty and exclusion. These measures are not pragmatic responses to complex issues; they are declarations of war on the most vulnerable.

Moreover, the resurgence of exclusionary nationalism, a hallmark of Trump-era politics, has biased the discourse around belonging and citizenship. It designates the immigrant not as a fellow human in search of security but as an economic burden, a cultural contagion or a national security risk. What emerges, then, is a moral paradox of nations founded on violent migration and colonisation but now busy erecting moral and legal barriers to those seeking refuge.

If settler colonialism is justified under the banner of "civilising mission", why should today's migration be framed illegitimate? The glaring disparity between the revered pioneers of the past and the vilified migrants of today lays bare the insidious role of race, power and historical amnesia in shaping the immigration narrative.

A fundamental aspiration

Clearly, the future of immigration policy hinges on our willingness to confront the darkest chapters of our past and the brutal realities of our present. We need to excavate the buried subtexts of empire, capitalism and racial domination that continue to shape mobility, and forge a new path forward informed by historical reckoning and a commitment to human dignity. The right to seek safety, to move across borders, is not a privilege to be doled out to the few, but a fundamental human aspiration that must be recognised and protected.

To imagine, therefore, a world in which Columbus had not made landfall is not to indulge in idle fantasy, but to confront the brutal reality of a collective past. It is to consider the possibility of a world unshaped by genocide, a world where Indigenous peoples flourished on their own terms, where empires did not build their foundations on loot and plunder. The truth about history is not a matter of nicety, but a fundamental requirement for justice, accountability, and a future that does not replicate the wrongs of the past.

A quip that stings but also inspires

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Many have now formed their opinions about the 2025 Nobel Economics Prize and how its focus signals to the world, the criticality of the economics of innovation and growth. However, what was also curious was the quip by the 2025 Laureate Joel Mokyr (one of the three winners) that 'economic historians don't win the prize'.

The discipline often undervalues the slow, evidentiary craft of archival work. Yet, when the world grows noisy, amid disruptions by Artificial Intelligence, inequality, fiscal overhangs and geopolitical shocks, policy debates turn to long-run narratives that economic historians assemble.

Growth as social technology first

Mokyr's central lesson, sharpened by the pedagogy of scholars such as Carnegie Mellon economic historian David Hounshell, is that modern growth is a social technology before it is a mechanical one. The achievement of the Industrial Enlightenment did not rest on a single genius or gadget; it relied on civic machinery that made useful knowledge travel – printers, coffee houses, learned societies, dissenting congregations and guilds that were sometimes cartels but often repositories of tacit know-how. Apprenticeships, shop-floor heuristics and rule-of-thumb engineering formed the codebase of progress. Where guilds faced contestable markets and porous cities, they incubated capability. Where they ossified, they throttled entry. In sum, Schumpeter's creative destruction works only when the social plumbing allows new ideas to displace entrenched privilege.

This is where the contributions of Mokyr's fellow Laureates, Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt, complement rather than contradict Mokyr's narrative. Their Schumpeterian growth framework provides dynamic microfoundations: innovation rents attract entrepreneurs; incumbents litigate and lobby; and policy can either harden moats or protect the process that makes churn productive. The engine misfires when experimentation is costly and entry blocked; it hums when institutions tilt toward contestability and diffusion. Mokyr shows how societies built a working engine. Aghion and Howitt show how to keep tuning it under pressure.

> Economics Laureate Joel Mokyr's line, that 'economic historians don't win Nobel Prizes', captures a professional unease

The quip about Nobels persists because the field sometimes treats history (in fact the economics Nobel itself was an afterthought) as an anecdote rather than a mechanism. Archival material can, however, illuminate incentives more vividly than elaborate regressions adorned with robustness checks and identification strategies. And as a literal claim, Mokyr's line is likely to be wrong. Other scholars have won the prize building on economic history. Douglass North and Robert Fogel were honoured for placing institutions and counterfactuals at the core of economics. Claudia Goldin received the prize for a sweeping historical account of women's labour markets. Simon Kuznets' national accounting was inseparable from historical measurement. Their work demonstrates that economic history is no sideshow. It is the lab where rules, culture and technology are tested as drivers (or brakes) on growth.

What grips the world now

Consider three current anxieties. First, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and jobs. Mokyr's work cautions that technology shocks rarely act as one-for-one job killers. They reprice competencies and reorganise tasks. The social question is transition management: who bears the cost of moving from old tasks to new ones? Here the Aghion-Howitt injunction to protect process rather than incumbents becomes policy-relevant fast. Portable benefits, credible skills bridges, interoperability and data portability in digital markets. All of these protect workers and entry, not the last generation of firms.

Second, high public debt. History also sobers exuberance and fatalism alike. The Dutch and British states that populate Mokyr's studies did not become credible borrowers through austerity alone. They built civic capacity – tax systems, representative institutions, enforceable contracts – that enabled a rollover of obligations and the financing of long projects. In an era of swollen balance sheets, that lesson is not antiquarian. Fiscal sustainability is institutional, not merely arithmetic.

Third, inequality. Guild history also clarifies how privilege often hides behind claims of quality control and safety. The counter is not iconoclasm but contestability. Lower the costs of entry and diffusion so insiders' rents are bid down by capability, not pedigree. In digital markets, this maps to pro-competitive procurement, open standards, and limits on self-preferencing. These are perhaps modern analogues of the coffee house and the cheap pamphlet.

Digitisation itself invites a reality check. Sussex economic historian Nick Crafts' revisions to the British Industrial Revolution show that general purpose technologies (steam, ICT, AI) appear late in macro data because they require complementary investments and firm reorganisation. Meanwhile, Jared Diamond's wider lens (geography, ecology, diffusion barriers) offers a further reminder – technology is embedded in landscapes and path dependencies. Together, the history bench is a vaccine against both euphoria and despair. It directs attention to institutions, complementarities, and time.

As a documentation

Why, then, does Mokyr's quip still feel true? Because prizes, like productivity statistics, are lagging indicators. The frontier of research may periodically swing toward identification strategies, but the problems that preoccupy the public (automation, debt, social mobility, geopolitical realignment) are historical in essence. They demand causal stories that unfold over decades, with actors who learn, bargain, and sometimes entrench. That is economic history's comparative advantage. It documents how societies learn to argue productively and build forums and rules where better ideas defeat old power.

The deeper point, therefore, is not about medals but about machinery. The question is whether societies are protecting the engine – the open, critical, experimental process that moves ideas from discovery to diffusion – or leaning toward merely the owners of the last engine.

History's answer is blunt: prosperity is the exception. It must be argued for, institutionally and incessantly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revision, phase two

The Election Commission of India's move to go ahead with the second phase of the special intensive revision of voters lists, in 12 States and Union Territories, stems from a sense of infallibility that has begun to corrode democratic accountability (Front Page, October 28). Recent experiences in Bihar with the special intensive revision offer a sobering warning: politically-tinted deletions left thousands disenfranchised, while their constitutional voice was muted by clerical discretion. If this pattern spreads, the Election Commission risks presiding not over elections, but exclusions. Instead of pausing to review and restore confidence, the ECI seems to be intent on doubling down on its 'mission', shielding opacity with procedure and replacing transparency with hauteur.

For an institution that was once held up as a robust guardian of Indian democracy, this drift towards self-righteous bureaucracy is tragic. The right to vote is not a concession of the state. It is the citizen's last equaliser.

M. Jameel Ahmed,
Mysuru

The stray dog issue

We seem to be spending way too much on maintaining stray dogs in our communities. From vaccination against rabies, to tagging with microchips, to allocating budgets and segregating spaces for them to feed, these are moves that could grow bigger. The issue of dog bites is lost.

S. Kamat,
Mysuru

Corrections & Clarifications

Zubeen Garg passed away on September 19, 2025, and not September 13 (Opinion page – 'State of Play' – Assam, October 28, 2025).

In a report, "Dominant Norris wins Mexican GP, takes a one-point lead over Piastri" ('Sport' page, October 28, 2025), the Constructors' Championship standings should have said Ferrari has 356 points and Mercedes, 355 points.

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Math is not a tool for cultural nationalism

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In August, the University Grants Commission (UGC) released the draft undergraduate curriculum for nine subjects, including mathematics, as part of the National Education Policy (NEP). The next month, 900 Indian mathematicians signed a petition calling for the UGC to withdraw the draft math curriculum.

Concerns

They argued that it is "riddled with grave defects" that could harm students' academic and career prospects. They raised concerns about the limited coverage of core subjects, the neglect of applied math, and the poorly conceived design of elective courses. They also voiced reservations about the promotion of a political agenda related to ancient Indian knowledge systems – the draft curriculum includes courses on *Kala Ganpana* (traditional Indian time calculation), *Bharatiya Bijganit* (Indian algebra), *Shulba Sutra* (maxims of fire-altar measurements), among others.

One of the key promoters of the NEP and of the draft curriculum is Manjul Bhargava, winner of the 2014 Fields Medal, and a Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University. He said at a talk in New Delhi on September 4, "It is not about trying to put down or belittle other cultures or civilisations and glorify your own. Every civilisation has made important contributions to math that we can be proud of. We must own ours and be proud of them. It acts as an inspiration to the current generation". He argued that proponents of "western math" often downplay the immense contributions of non-Western civilisations. In doing so, they leverage math – perceived as universal and objective – as a tool for culturally marginalising these foundational contributions.

Though this critique carries some element of truth, it raises a crucial question: are we not committing a parallel error by forcing math into a nationalist mould? To focus a singular "Indic" lineage in the teaching syllabus for the subject requires an equally problematic distortion of its universal character, selectively highlighting one cultural contribution while ignoring the indispensable role of others. This approach replicates the very colonial logic it seeks to oppose.

> The UGC's draft undergraduate math curriculum appears to be a top-down imposition of a nationalist ideology

While the social and historical context of math is undeniably cultural, the truth of its statements is universal. The proposition that 2 + 2 = 4 is not a "Western" truth; it is a mathematical truth, independent of the culture that discovers or uses it. In this light, the project of cultural nationalists in India, who seek to highlight mathematical contributions as belonging exclusively to a single civilisational lineage and as evidence of its cultural superiority, commits the same error as that of the Western colonialists they often accuse. Both attempts aim to monopolise math culturally, which undermines its status as an objective, universally accessible pursuit of truth.

Thus, many critics are wary that a nationalist or revivalist agenda could overshadow historical accuracy and academic rigour. The fear is that the narrative could become "India invented everything first," which is not only historically inaccurate but also counterproductive to the spirit of scientific inquiry. Politicians often provide fodder for this concern. For instance, a politician from the ruling party recently declared in a school that a Hindu deity was the first to travel to space; this is part of a continuing sequence of such pseudoscientific pronouncements.

A collaborative effort

The foundations of mathematical thought emerged from a transcontinental endeavour. It was shaped by transactions and exchanges among cultures such as the Babylonian, Egyptian, Indic, Chinese, Arabic, Persian, and Greek. In the remnants of buildings, water facilities, and aqueducts left by the Harappan settlers, which predate the composition of the Vedas, one can see engineering math in a visible form. To confine mathematical thoughts to a distinct "Vedic" category in a college-level syllabus is, therefore, ahistorical and pedagogically unsound. Early formulations naturally contained immature ideas and assumptions incompatible with scientific methods, reflecting an imperfect understanding of the world. While it is valuable to study this evolution from a sociological or theological perspective, any such teaching module must incorporate all major ancient schools of mathematical thought and emphasise their interactive nature; it should not be mixed up with a modern math syllabus.

Trained in conventional pedagogy and content, most math teachers lack the training in Indology required to teach ancient Indian math texts (such as those of Aryabhata and Brahmagupta) with an objective lens. Would they be capable of imparting training free of ideological bias to students? To expose students solely to one stream of historical math, with all its imperfections, as an instrument to establish cultural superiority is to do them a profound injustice. This approach obscures the bigger picture: that math is a universal human achievement, refined across centuries and continents through collaborative efforts. It is also unclear what measurable math skills students will gain from this study component that they wouldn't gain from a standard curriculum. Will it improve their problem-solving abilities, logical reasoning, and analytical skills, and make them globally competitive in a world that AI, machine learning, and data science will dominate?

The initiative appears to be a top-down imposition of a nationalist ideology on the education system. The debate is no longer just about what is taught, but about the purpose of education and the safeguarding of scientific reasoning as the cornerstone of a democracy.

When healthcare becomes a business

Andhra doesn't need more medical colleges, and not under the PPP model

STATE OF PLAY

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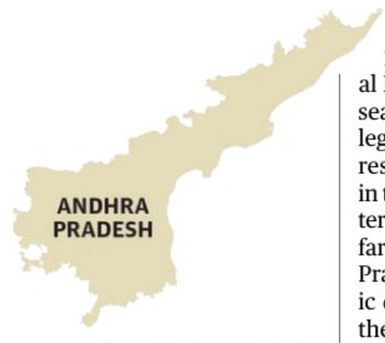
A political storm is brewing in Andhra Pradesh over the State government's decision to run 10 new government medical colleges under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched a 'one crore signature campaign' to oppose the privatisation of medical colleges. The head of the State Congress, Y.S. Sharmila, has also spoken against it.

A PPP model in healthcare is not new. Protests are also underway in Maharashtra and Karnataka against a proposed PPP model for medical colleges. Critics feel such a model will dehumanise and desocialise medical education.

In Andhra Pradesh, amid opposition from public health experts and political leaders, the State government on September 9 issued a Government Order (GO) approving the establishment of four medical colleges – Adoni, Markapuram, Madanapalle, and Pulivendula – under the PPP model. These projects are to be awarded under an Annual Concession Fee model using a Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer framework. Six more medical colleges will be developed under the PPP model later.

All the 10 colleges were part of a set of 17 new medical colleges announced by Mr. Reddy in 2020, together pegged at ₹8,480 crore, to decentralise healthcare services and improve public access. But by the time of the 2024 Assembly elections, only five colleges had become functional. The



responsibility of completing the remaining fell on the shoulders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. Alleging that the previous YSRCP government spent only 18% of the total amount, the TDP-led NDA government, which is already cash-strapped, said the only way to give shape to these colleges is by developing them under a PPP model.

While governments may differ, the overwhelming consensus is that PPP is a gateway to privatisation. The Minister for Health, Family Welfare, and Medical Education, Satya Kumar Yadav, has clarified that the PPP model does not equate to privatisation, and that the land, seats, fee, and regulations will remain under government control under the PPP model. However, health activists have not bought into this argument.

According to official information from the Department, 50% of seats in these medical colleges, each offering 150 MBBS and 24 post graduation (PG) seats, will be under government control. Many believe that the fee for the other 50% of seats will skyrocket, making medical education inaccessible to many from the lower economic strata.

Amid the demand from Opposition parties and health activists for the withdrawal of the GO, it is pertinent to question whether the State, which has a total of 38 medical colleges, needs an additional 17. According to the National Medical Commission, 6,785 seats are offered in these colleges. In November 2024, in response to a question asked in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, J.P. Nadda, said Andhra Pradesh has 1,05,805 allopathic doctors. The State also has the fourth highest number of doctors, after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.

Recently, doctors from primary health centres held Statewide protests demanding that the quota allotted for them in PG courses be increased. After completing PG, they come back to work in the government sector as specialists. The State government has not made a decision regarding this demand, citing a lack of vacancies in specialist positions. Adding new colleges will not introduce additional posts for them.

In hospitals attached to these medical colleges, 70% of the 625 beds will be brought under Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva, a scheme under which people receive free treatment in government and private network hospitals. The remaining 30% will be governed by market rates. The ongoing strike called by private network hospitals on October 10, due to pending dues from the State government, indicates how this may work out. About 85% of the people in the State are Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva cardholders. Most of them have to postpone their treatments or visit government hospitals due to the strike.

This year, the government allocated ₹19,264.63 crore for the health sector. Instead of spending crores of rupees on new medical colleges, it should instead focus on fulfilling its promise of allocating 2.5% of the Gross State Domestic Product for healthcare.

India's metro network and ridership quadrupled in the last decade

The country is now home to the world's third largest metro train network

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

India's metro train networks have significantly developed in just over a decade. In 2014, India's metro network covered 248 km across five cities; by 2025, it covered more than 1,000 km across 23 cities. That makes India home to the world's third largest metro train network, behind only China and the U.S., according to the Press Information Bureau.

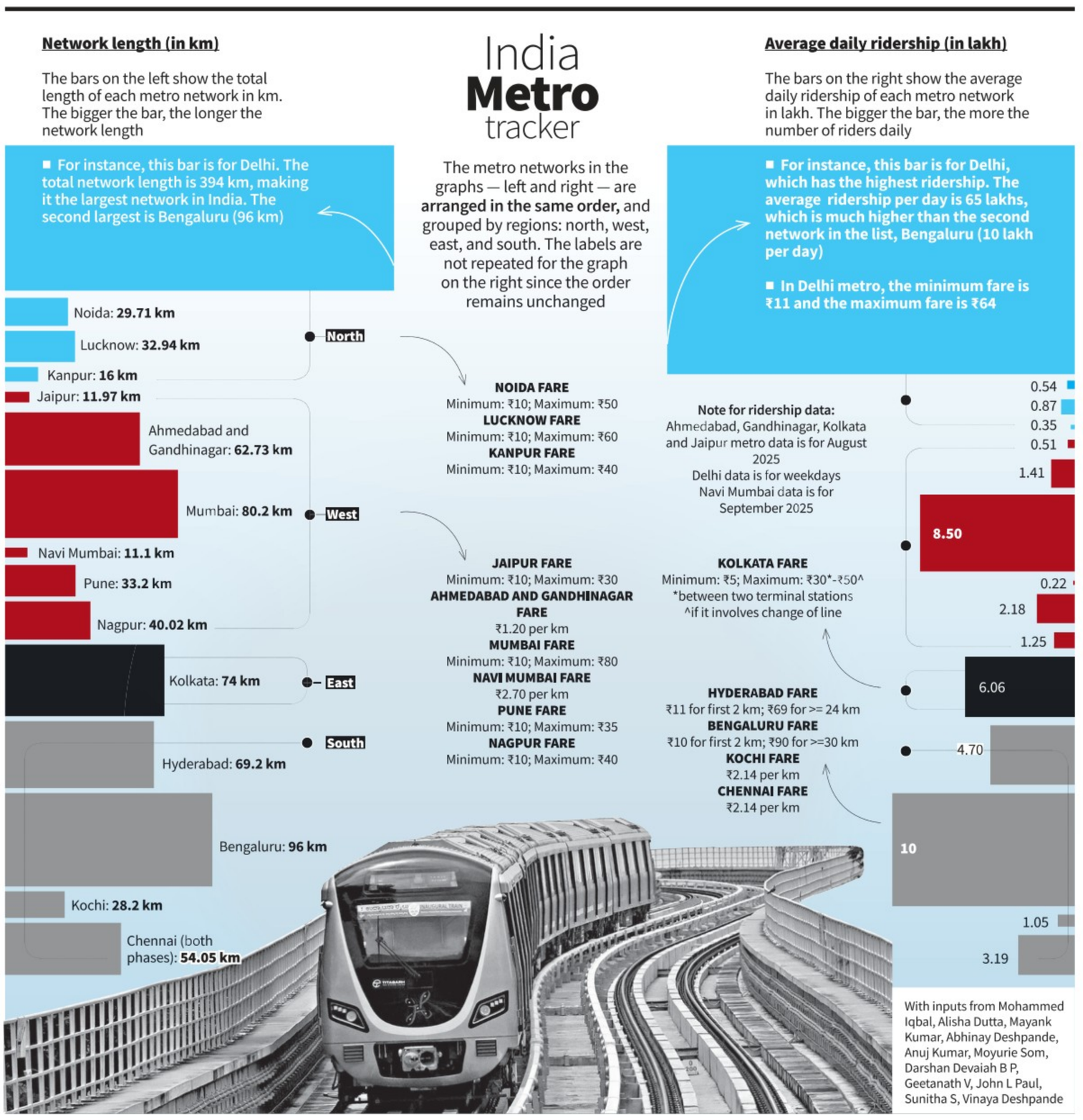
Delhi leads with a sprawling 394 km network, followed by Bengaluru (96 km), Mumbai (80.2 km), and Kolkata (74 km). Many of the newer, smaller networks, such as in Nagpur, Lucknow, and Pune, are also expanding at a brisk pace.

Consequently, the average daily ridership has quadrupled over the past decade, from 28 lakh in 2014 to 1.12 crore in 2025.

The Delhi metro alone carries about 65 lakh passengers each weekday, while Bengaluru handles around 10 lakh and Mumbai about 8.5 lakh daily. Kolkata, one of the oldest metro systems, carries more than 6 lakh passengers daily. In 2024, Kolkata launched India's first underwater metro tunnel.

Networks such as Pune (carrying 2.18 lakh passengers daily), Chennai (3.19 lakh), and Hyderabad (4.7 lakh) are seeing steady growth in patronage. Smaller metros such as Lucknow, Nagpur, and Jaipur record between 0.5 to 1.5 lakh commuters a day.

Fares vary widely, though the minimum base fare is generally ₹10 across most metro systems. Many metro systems also charge customers on a per km basis. For instance, in the Chennai metro, the base fare is ₹2.14 per km and in the Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar metros, it is ₹1.2 per km. For longer distances, most metros have a fare cap; for instance, the Bengaluru metro caps fares at ₹90 for journeys of 30 km or more.


India
Metro
tracker
The metro networks in the graphs — left and right — are arranged in the same order, and grouped by regions: north, west, east, and south. The labels are not repeated for the graph on the right since the order remains unchanged
Network length (in km)
The bars on the left show the total length of each metro network in km. The bigger the bar, the longer the network length
For instance, this bar is for Delhi. The total network length is 394 km, making it the largest network in India. The second largest is Bengaluru (96 km)
North
Noida: 29.71 km
Lucknow: 32.94 km
Kanpur: 16 km
Jaipur: 11.97 km
West
Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar: 62.73 km
Mumbai: 80.2 km
Navi Mumbai: 11.1 km
Pune: 33.2 km
Nagpur: 40.02 km
East
Kolkata: 74 km
South
Hyderabad: 69.2 km
Bengaluru: 96 km
Kochi: 28.2 km
Chennai (both phases): 54.05 km
NOIDA FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹50
LUCKNOW FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹60
KANPUR FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹40
JAIPUR FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹30
AHMEDABAD AND GANDHINAGAR FARE
₹1.20 per km
MUMBAI FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹80
NAVI MUMBAI FARE
₹2.70 per km
PUNE FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹35
NAGPUR FARE
Minimum: ₹10; Maximum: ₹40
KOLKATA FARE
Minimum: ₹5; Maximum: ₹30*-₹50^
*between two terminal stations
^if it involves change of line
HYDERABAD FARE
₹11 for first 2 km; ₹69 for >= 24 km
BENGALURU FARE
₹10 for first 2 km; ₹90 for >=30 km
KOCHI FARE
₹2.14 per km
CHENNAI FARE
₹2.14 per km
Average daily ridership (in lakh)
The bars on the right show the average daily ridership of each metro network in lakh. The bigger the bar, the more the number of riders daily
For instance, this bar is for Delhi, which has the highest ridership. The average ridership per day is 65 lakhs, which is much higher than the second network in the list, Bengaluru (10 lakh per day)
In Delhi metro, the minimum fare is ₹11 and the maximum fare is ₹64
Note for ridership data:
Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Kolkata and Jaipur metro data is for August 2025
Delhi data is for weekdays
Navi Mumbai data is for September 2025
0.54
0.87
0.35
0.51
1.41
8.50
0.22
2.18
1.25
6.06
4.70
10
1.05
3.19

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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 29, 1975

Indo-Pak. dialogue: Moves to bring about resumption

New Delhi, Oct. 29: A rather strange nonetheless beneficial combination of international influences is at work these days providing the necessary encouragement for an early resumption of the Indo-Pakistan dialogue to facilitate the process of normalisation in the sub-continent.

The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Y.B. Chavan, returned from his recent visit to Washington with the feeling that the United States which in the past pursued policies that tended to hinder and not help the settlement of Indo-Pakistani disputes is now taking a less partisan view of the situation in the subcontinent.

The Soviet Union, in turn, has been exerting some healthy pressures on Pakistan to shed some of its pet obsessions and strengthen its own bargaining position by grasping and not spurning India's hand of friendship which held out the promise of an honourable reconciliation. A reassuring feature of the present-day superpower rivalries in South Asia is the mutual recognition of the basic reality that without some degree of tranquillity in the sub-continent the Indian Ocean region will become a hotbed of tensions despite the detente in Europe.

Though the United States and the Soviet Union have not so far carried forward their new spirit of moderation to the point of developing a common interest in making a combined contribution through some joint initiative to speed up the process of normalisation in the sub-continent, there is no doubt now that the two super powers are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of allowing a country like China to impede the process of Indo-Pakistan reconciliation.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 29, 1925

Submerged Asiatic city

Moscow, Oct. 28: A Soviet merchantman bound from Baku to Persia which was unintentionally deflected from its usual course has discovered, near Shihova, the sandbank of an ancient submerged city, whose streets and buildings of ancient Asiatic architecture were clearly visible. The city is near the remains of previously discovered submerged city, whose old name was Harabashager and where there was a sub-aqueous passage connecting with the fortress of Baku.

From Page One

Cyclone Montha makes landfall in A.P.

"The number of people to be evacuated is expected to rise as 67 villages and five towns and Kakinada city are falling in the cyclone-affected area," said Kakinada District Collector S. Shan Mohan. Nearly 1,600 school bus services have been deployed to evacuate people.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed the NDRF and SDRF teams to be deployed in and around Kakinada.

Twenty trains, 10 originating in Visakhapatnam, and 11 operating from various divisions of South Central Railway (SCR) in Andhra and one from Bhubaneswar, passing through Visakhapatnam, were cancelled due to heavy rain and gales on Tuesday.

A total of 32 flights from Visakhapatnam were cancelled. The Vijayawada airport cancelled 16 flights, while four flights from Tirupati were cancelled on Tuesday.

Govt. jobs, free power in INDIA bloc's manifesto

The manifesto also promises to waive forms and examination fees for competitive exams, and provide free travel to and from examination centres. Strict action will be taken to prevent paper leaks and a domicile policy will be implemented to ensure priority in employment for Bihar residents.

The INDIA bloc vowed to generate skill-based employment by creating IT parks, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and encouraging dairy-based industries, agro-based industries, healthcare, agriculture, food processing, renewable energy, logistics, manufacturing, and tourism, with special attention for fisheries and animal husbandry.

A labour census will be conducted to provide monthly financial assistance and skill training, while a dedicated department will be set up for the welfare of migrant workers.

While Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has provided 125 units of free electricity, the Opposition has promised to give 200 units of free electricity to every household.

Tata Trusts divided over trustee's reappointment

"Renomination is not compulsory. If their term is renewed then it is for lifetime, subject to periodic renewal," a person familiar with the process said.

Thus Mr. Mistry, a close friend of Ratan Tata and one of the executors of his will, will cease to be trustee from the early hours of Wednesday. But it is learnt that he may move the courts to get reinstated citing the October 17 circular.

On Tuesday, there was no voting per se and the approval process was conducted electronically, a person familiar with the development said. While three trustees approved, anther three gave it a pass thus breaking the unanimity clause in the by-law, the person said.

It was on Mr. Mistry's and other trustees' unanimous approval that Mr. Srinivasan was recently reappointed. According to people close to Mr. Mistry, the approval for Mr. Srinivasan's reappointment was conditional that he (Mr. Srinivasan) must approve the reappointment of Mr. Mistry. But since Mr. Srinivasan stayed away, his nomination would be made null and void.

Centre approves terms of 8th Central Pay Commission

The panel, headed by Justice Ranjana Desai (retd.), will make its recommendations within 18 months of its constitution; it will propose changes in salaries of Union government employees

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved the Terms of Reference of the eighth Central Pay Commission (CPC), the body in charge of deciding the pay structure and retirement benefits of Union government employees, the government announced on Tuesday.

The government had announced the formation of the CPC in January this year to examine and recommend changes in the salaries and other benefits of Central government employees.

Major step: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefs the media on decisions taken by the Union Cabinet in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

'Formed in quick time'

"As you know, the in-principle approval for the formation of the eighth Central Pay Commission was granted only recently in January, and within a short span, the commission has now been formally constituted," Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said at a press conference announcing the Union Cabinet's decisions here.

"This is a major step that involves extensive consultations. Several Ministries with large numbers of Central government employees, such as Defence, Home, Railways, and the Department of Personnel and Training, were part of the process," he said.

The Commission will comprise one chairperson, one part-time member and one member-secretary. It will make its recommendations within 18 months of the date of its constitution. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd.) will act as the chairperson.

Professor Pulak Ghosh of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, has been appointed a part-time member, while Petroleum Secretary Pankaj Jain will serve as the member-secretary.

"There are about 50 lakh Central government employees, and consultations were also held with many State governments, most of which extended their cooperation," Mr. Vaishnaw added.

The government said the CPC would have to keep several factors in mind while coming up with its recommendations. These included the economic conditions in the country and the need for fiscal prudence, the need to ensure that adequate resources are available for developmental expenditure and welfare measures, the unfunded cost of non-contributory pension schemes, the impact of its recommendations on State finances, as well as the current emolument structure, benefits and working conditions of employees of Central public sector undertakings and the private sector.

Cabinet increases fertilizer subsidy for winter crops

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Subsidy approved for 2025 rabi season is higher by ₹14,000 crore from the previous rabi season

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday decided to provide ₹37,952 crore as fertilizer subsidy for the ongoing rabi crop of this winter season. The subsidy on phosphorous (P) and sulphur (S) fertilizers was increased by ₹736 crore, while the subsidy for nitrogen (N) and potash (K) will remain the same as the kharif (summer) crops.

"The subsidy approved for 2025 rabi season is higher by about ₹14,000 crore from the previous rabi season (2024). During the last rabi season, the subsidy was about ₹24,000 crore," Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told presspersonjs after the Cabinet meeting.

The subsidy for phosphate will be increased to ₹47.96 a kg from ₹43.60 a kg in the 2025 kharif season; the subsidy for sulphur will be higher at ₹2.87 a kg, up from ₹1.77 a kg (kharif); and the subsidy rate for nitrogen and potash will remain ₹43.02 a kg and ₹2.38 a kg, respectively.

The rates will be applicable from October 1, 2025 till March 31, 2026.

The Centre had fixed the subsidy rate considering the import price, and other factors, including nutrient requirement, subsidy burden, and maximum retail prices, Mr. Vaishnaw said.

The Centre had provided a special package to ensure adequate availability of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and triple super phosphate (TSP) to farmers, he added.

Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi on behalf of all farmers for increasing the subsidy.

As SIR expands, questions on EC's power to conduct it, check citizenship pending in SC

NEWS ANALYSIS

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NEW DELHI

The Election Commission's authority to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls remains under question in the Supreme Court, even as the poll body announced the SIR's second phase that will cover 51 crore voters in 12 States and Union Territories, including Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, and Puducherry.

The Supreme Court, in a July 10 order, had highlighted the basic questions posed by petitioners challenging the first phase of the SIR exercise in Bihar. These primarily included whether the Election Commission (EC) has the "very powers to undertake the exercise".

Second, the court had flagged the petitioners' objection to the "procedure and the manner in which the SIR exercise is being undertaken".

Violating voters' rights

The court recorded the petitioners' argument that the SIR, notified on June 24 under Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, broke that law as well as the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, apart from violating the fundamental rights of the voters.

However, later orders of the court on the SIR had diverged into ensuring that voters were not arbitrarily excluded from the electoral rolls in Bihar.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar

Though the court did not stay the Bihar SIR exercise, it made several timely interventions to infuse more transparency into the process, order the inclusion of Aadhaar as a 12th document of proof, and to ensure the publication of the draft electoral roll, among other steps.

Learning experience

An October 9 hearing gave the first indication that a pan-India SIR had more or less become *fait accompli*, though the court has agreed to hear arguments on the constitutionality of SIR exercise from November 4.

Addressing the EC's counsel and senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, Justice Surya Kant, who headed the Bench, orally observed that "you [EC] have decided to carry out SIR on a pan-India basis. So, this experience [with Bihar] would have made you wiser now... The next time you introduce a SIR module, owing to what you experienced now, you would also bring some improvements."

The second phase of the SIR in 12 States and U.T.s has indeed introduced modifications, such as the inclusion of Aadhaar as a proof of identity and the exemption from filing documents in the enumeration stage. The onus to be included on the voters' list, however, continues to be on the elector. The process of enumeration itself does not have the benefit of any statutory backing.

Again, the question about the EC's jurisdiction to delve into the citizenship claims of an already registered voter without any formal objection lodged against the person continues to remain open.

A cardinal point raised by petitioners was whether citizenship comes under the EC's purview when specific statutes like the Citizenship Act and the Foreigners Act address the issues of acquisition of Indian citizenship and illegal aliens, respectively.

Centre has 'deceived' Agniveers, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday criticised the Centre over a purported Home Ministry notification proposing that retiring Agniveers be absorbed into the country's top private security agencies. The party accused the government of betraying its promise to provide pensionable jobs to Agniveers in government services.

There was no immediate reaction from the government to the claims.

Colonel Rohit Chaudhry (retd), Head of the Congress's ex-servicemen department, said the government had "deceived" soldiers who served the nation. He reiterated party leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the scheme.

IIP growth dips to 3-month low of 4% as mining, consumer non-durables slip

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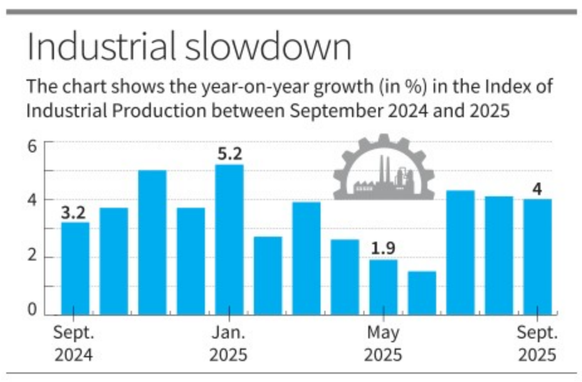
NEW DELHI

Industrial activity dipped marginally to a three-month low of 4% in September. The data also show that the growth in industrial activity during the first half of the financial year was the slowest in at least five years.

Growth in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, stood at 3.2% in September last year. However, growth had since accelerated to 4.3% by July 2025, following which it slowed again.

The overall index grew 3% in the April-September period, the first half of the financial year 2025-26. This is the slowest in at least five years, the period for which data are readily available.

The index grew 24% in the first half of 2021-22, owing to the low base of the previous pandemic-affected year 2020-21. In the first half of 2022-23, the index grew 7%, which slowed to 6.3% and 4.1% in the corresponding periods of 2023-24 and 2024-25.



In September, the slowdown in industrial growth was mainly led by the mining, primary goods, and consumer non-durables sectors. Activity in the mining sector contracted 0.45% in September 2025 from a growth of 6.6% in August 2025 and a growth of 0.2% in September 2024.

The consumer non-durables sector continued to contract for the second consecutive month in September 2025, by 2.9%, compared with a contraction of 6.4% in August 2025, and a growth of 2.2% in September last year.

According to Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at the Bank of Baroda, this could be due to the fact that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate cuts were implemented late in the month.

"As the GST cuts have targeted this industry, it can be assumed that the real impact will be seen in October-November as dealers have been facing a challenge of selling products with the older price labels," Mr. Sabnavis said.

'Moving villagers from tiger reserves must be voluntary'

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union Tribal Affairs Ministry has mandated that the relocation of forest-dwelling communities from tiger reserves must be an "exceptional, voluntary, and evidence-based measure".

The Ministry's new policy framework also spells out the mechanisms that allow communities to continue living in the forests and the procedures to be followed for obtaining their consent for relocation. The policy calls for a National Framework for Community-Centred Conservation and Relocation, through which the Environment Ministry and the Tribal Affairs Ministry can jointly set procedural standards, timelines, and accountability.

It also suggests a National Database on Conservation-Community Interface to record and track relocations, compensation, and status post-relocation. It recommends annual independent audits of relocation projects by empanelled agencies that assess compliance with the Forest Rights Act, the Wildlife Protection Act, and human rights standards.

The Tribal Affairs Ministry's new policy spells out the mechanisms that allow communities to continue living in the forests. K.R. DEEPAK

Communities may choose to continue living in the "traditional forest habitats" while exercising their Individual Forest Rights or Community Forest Rights under the FRA, the policy says, emphasising that this must be an option for villages located within the reserves.

Serious concerns

This brief, titled "Reconciling conservation and community rights: a policy framework for relocation and coexistence in India's Tiger Reserves", was sent last week to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change from the office of the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

The Tribal Affairs Ministry noted that it has been receiving several representations from State governments and Gram Sabhas, flagging "serious concerns" about the non-implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

Last year, the National Tiger Conservation Authority's directive to States asking them to prioritise relocation of villages in core areas of tiger reserves drew protests from several Gram Sabhas and forest rights activists.There were 591 villages and 64,801 families within the core areas of tiger reserves, according to the NTCA.

Firm on Naga political demands, says Muivah

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Less than 48 hours before his scheduled departure from his birthplace in Manipur's Ukhrul district, NSCN(I-M) general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah said his group would not budge from its position on the Naga political issue.

The armed group wants New Delhi to recognise the Naga national flag and the Naga constitution, which it claims were part of the deal when the Framework Agreement was signed in August 2015.

"They [Government of India] started giving ultimatum... We were forced to tell them, come what may, we will stand our ground. We know who the Indians are and their history," Mr. Muivah, 91, told presspersons from the Gethsemane hall in Somdal on Tuesday.

"...We will not come taking your (India's) history to surrender to you. We will never do that... Whether it is today or tomorrow, Nagas are Nagas and Indians are Indians," Mr. Muivah, the chief negotiator in the peace talks, said.

"If you don't come to understand us and appreciate, then there is no point for us going to you," he said, insisting that the peace negotiators representing New Delhi understood his position.

APPEAL

Yakesh is 12 years old suffering from "Relapsed Acute Myeloid Leukemia" and is advised to undergo Chemotherapy followed by Bone Marrow Transplantation at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research** Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs. 8,00,000/-. His father is a farmer with poor earnings and their family cannot afford this huge expenditure. Please help him to undergo the treatment. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/ NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT. Your e-mail ID is requested.
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BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Notice to Kishore over name in lists of Bihar, Bengal

The Election Commission on Tuesday served notice on Jan Suraaj Party (JSP) founder Prashant Kishor over his name being reportedly registered as a voter in his home State of Bihar and in West Bengal.

The notice has been issued by the returning officer of the Kargahar Assembly constituency of Rohtas district, where Mr. Kishor has been registered as a voter. The poll commission has directed him to respond within three days.

According to official records, Mr. Kishor is enrolled as a voter in West Bengal at 121 Kalighat Road, the address of the Trinamool Congress headquarters in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency of Kolkata, which is Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's seat, an official in West Bengal said.

The EC has directed Prashant Kishor to respond to the notice within three days. ANI

Opposition is twisting Shah's words: Chirag

Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan on Tuesday said the naming of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate of the INDIA bloc has revived memories of "jungle raj" in Bihar.

Mr. Paswan said the move has taken away even "a sliver of a chance" the Opposition alliance had in the elections. He made the remark while responding to questions from presspersons about Mr. Yadav's jibe at the NDA's alleged inability to name its own CM candidate.

The Hajipur MP said, "How many times does it need to be said that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is the NDA's face. When Union Home Minister Amit Shah simply spoke about the due procedure, the Opposition is twisting that out of context". PTI

"The public is confident that Rahul and Tejashwi will fulfil their promises. Those who want to see fragmentation are the ones losing elections

PAWAN KHERA
Congress leader

Why can't Bihar have a Muslim CM, asks Owaisi

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday kicked off the poll campaign of his party and asked why Bihar could not have a Muslim Chief Minister despite the community comprising 17% of the State's population. He slammed both the NDA and INDIA bloc for allegedly "giving a raw deal" to the Muslim community. PTI

"Announcements of the *Mahagatbandhan* are fake...Nitish will return as the CM of Bihar. The *Mahagatbandhan* is being wiped out

KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA
BJP Bihar election co-incharge

VIP chief Mukesh Sahni with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. *Mahagatbandhan* has decided to project Mr. Sahani as its deputy chief ministerial candidate. ANI

Will Mukesh enthuse EBCs to vote for the Grand Alliance?

Sobhana K. Nair
DARBHANGA

The decision of the *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) to project Mallah leader and Vikashsheel Insaan Party (VIP) president Mukesh Sahani as its deputy chief ministerial candidate has drawn a mixed response from the community. The Mallahs, an Extremely Backward Class (EBC) community constituting around 2.6% of Bihar's population according to the latest caste survey, remain divided between the NDA and the Opposition alliance.

Mr. Mukesh, who calls himself the "Son of Mallah", claims he can consolidate the community's vote. The Grand Alliance, led by the RJD, keen to win over the EBCs – traditionally loyal to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar – had hoped Mr. Sahani's nomination would be a game-changer, with its impact trickling beyond the Mallahs. But so far, it has not triggered a significant shift.

At Darbhanga's fish market, Sushil Sahani is a fish trader. October and November are particularly good months for him, when he manages to catch prawn which is sold for up to ₹800-900 a kilogram.

"We want change," Mr. Sushil says. But the change is not so much about who will come to occupy the Chief Minister's post in Patna, but more about overthrowing the incumbent legislator from the Darbhanga Assembly constituency, the BJP's Sanjay Saraogi, who has won four consecutive elections since 2005. Mr. Sushil voted for the BJP leader in those elections. He clarifies that his latest decision is not linked to Grand Alliance's move to nominate Mukesh Sahani as its deputy chief ministerial candidate.

'Not familiar'

"Umesh Sahani [the VIP's candidate for Darbhanga] filed his nomination on October 17, the last day for nominations. I had decided long back that I would not vote for Sanjay Saraogi," he says. He is not very familiar with Mr. Mukesh "I have no time to pore over my phone. Where will I hear him," he asks.

Mr. Mukesh, a school dropout, left Bihar when he was 19 for Mumbai where he worked in films, climbing the ranks to become a set designer. While his party, VIP, is only seven years old, he has been trying to carve out a political space for himself since 2010 when he began the Sahani Samaj Kalyan Sanstha.

There are many who would rather take comfort in what is familiar. Joginder Shahani, a daily wage labourer, is clear the BJP legislator is seen around but the VIP's candidate from Darbhanga is contesting his first election. "They [the government] have provided *buniyadi suvidha* (basic amenities). Plus, I have been voting for the BJP for a long time, I don't see why I should change now," he says. He lists the achievements of the Nitish Kumar government – the Darbhanga AIIMS, bypass, regular power supply and so on – to justify his choice. The rapid urbanisation in Darbhanga is taking its toll, with piling garbage, narrow roads and long traffic jams, but Mr. Joginder is all for "vikas" (development).

Small margin

The local RJD leadership is not perturbed by the lukewarm response. At Mr. Umesh's election office, Mohan Yadav introduces himself as the local RJD spokesperson.

"This seat has 32,000 Mallah voters. Even if we manage to wean one third of them, we will win," he says. In 2020, the victory margin for Mr. Saraogi was a little over 10,000 votes.

As campaign peaks, Bihar narrative revolves around old and new strands

Nitish is popular but voters discuss his health; Modi's leadership finds many admirers; Tejashwi is burdened by his parents' legacy of 'lawlessness' but enjoys popularity among youth; no groundswell in favour of the JSP visible on the ground; after decades, the Congress is back in the reckoning

GROUND REPORT

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

The verdict of the Bihar Assembly election will be pronounced in a little over a fortnight, on November 14, but the campaign's momentum has given way to Chhath festivities on October 27 and 28. The campaign is not just on the ground but also on social media. And from the heat and dust of it has risen a handful of dominant themes in voter conversations.

First, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar still appears more popular than other political leaders in the arena but his failing health is a talking point, especially among men. The "*Dus Hazaria*" scheme of the ruling National Democratic Alliance, a reference to the ₹10,000 transferred to "*Jeevika Didis*" under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, has gained huge traction and accolades.

Mr. Kumar has been, for a long time, assiduously carving a caste-neutral women's vote bank, with several welfare schemes crafted especially for women under his baton. Women voters (at 48%) are almost equal in number to male voters in Bihar.

A group of women voters from the Extremely Backward Class (EBC) told this correspondent in Samastipur on October 22 that they would all vote for Nitish Kumar.

Men of the same group, sitting nearby, sounded more cautious. "We have heard he [Nitish Kumar] is not well these days. He should give up his position before things take a turn for the worse," one of them said.

Tejashwi's burden

Second, voter conversations centre on Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav burdened by the legacy of "lawlessness in Bihar" from his parents' regimes. NDA leaders have targeted him over the years of "misrule and misgovernance" under the RJD, a focus Mr. Yadav has struggled to shrug off.

RJD chief Lalu Prasad has declared his younger son his political heir, and Mr. Yadav has announced several welfare schemes for women but voters frequently recall the "jungle raj" that became a byword for the RJD era in Bihar's governance. "It's okay that he [Mr. Yadav] too has announced something for us, but who can forget the total absence of law in the RJD regime," a voter in urban Darbhanga said.

All hues: A vendor sells election campaign materials of various parties in Patna on Wednesday. ANI

At 36, Mr. Yadav is popular among younger voters. "He is young, and has proved he means what he says in the 17 months during which he was a *Mahagatbandhan* [grand alliance] Deputy CM," said one among the students returning from a coaching institute in Darbhanga as they prepared to write exams for government jobs. The RJD leader had promised one government job per family if he were to be voted to power.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is still the most popular leader across age groups in both urban and rural constituencies of the State, irrespective of their caste affiliations. Voters speak of Mr. Modi as a "strong leader who is tough, and at the same time takes care of every section of society". "We need a leader like him," Ramesh Kushwaha of Vaishali district said.

Mr. Modi has campaigned extensively in Bihar. "He is more appealing for us than any other leader either in Bihar or the country," said Sanjay Bind, stopping his bicycle on the Mahua-Samastipur road in Vaishali district.

Enthused Congress

The Congress, which was pushed into something approaching a political coma in the State when Mr. Prasad led the RJD to power in 1990, has finally found its stride with the success of Rahul Gandhi's 14-day, 1,300-km-long Voter Adhikar Yatra across 24 districts.

Congress leaders and supporters have received a fresh lease of life, and the party's Bihar headquarters is buzzing with activity after a long time.

Enthused party leaders have even pressured the RJD to let the Congress contest more seats.

The lack of traction for the newly launched Jan Suraaj Party, founded by former poll strategist Prashant Kishor, has become evident. The JSP is contesting all 243 seats, with three candidates withdrawing their nominations. But despite the hype on social media and in some sections of conventional media, there is little evidence of interest in the party on the ground.

"It [the JSP] is doing well only on social media. It is overhyped publicity of the kind Mr. Kishor was doing for other political parties as an expert on elections, nothing else," Rajesh Kumar, 55, an engineer-turned-stock broker from the Kumhrar constituency in central Patna, said.

Several smaller parties have had a little impact in some constituencies on the ground. The AIMIM has caught the attention of voters in some constituencies of the Seemanchal (border) districts of northeast Bihar, where its presence may be impactful in the results.

Modi-Nitish govt. stifled aspirations of Bihar's youth, says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused the "Modi-Nitish" government of crushing the dreams of youth in Bihar, leaving the State neglected and trailing on almost every development indices.

In a post on social media platform X, Mr. Gandhi shared a video of his recent interaction with young people from Bihar, where he discussed education, healthcare, and employment. "There is only one culprit for the deplorable condition of Bihar – the BJP-JD(U) government," the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. Renewing the *Mahagatbandhan's* (Grand Alliance) commitment to justice, he said the time for change had come.

"The youth of Bihar are well aware of how, over the past 20 years, this Modi-Nitish government has strangled their aspirations, left the State abandoned, and pushed it into the abyss on every parameter," he said.

Citing government data, Mr. Gandhi said Bihar ranked 27th out of 29 States in dropout rates for Classes 9 and 10, 28th in enrolment for Classes 11 and 12, and 28th in female literacy. On the employment front, Bihar stood 21st in the service sector and 23rd in industry and manufacturing, he said.

Close connect: Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi being greeted by people during the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar. PTI

He shared a video of his interaction with youth, where he discussed education and employment

In health indicators, the State ranked 27th in infant mortality rate, 27th in insurance coverage, and last in access to household toilets. He said Bihar was 27th in the Human Development Index (HDI) and 25th in per capita income. "These are not just numbers; they are a mirror reflecting how far the so-called 'double engine' government has dragged Bihar backwards," Mr. Gandhi said.

'Failed structure'

The Congress leader said during his recent Vote Adhikar Yatra, the kind of "natural intelligence" that he witnessed in Bihar was not visible elsewhere. "But the structure had completely failed. Bihar is not being built together," he said.

Praising the youth of Bihar as talented and hard-working, the Opposition leader accused the government of giving them "unemployment and despair instead of opportunity". "Now is the time for change, to rekindle Bihar's pride," he said, urging support for the grand alliance's vision of justice and progress.

During his meeting with students from Bihar studying in Delhi, Mr. Gandhi asked whether they had been forced to leave the State for education, to which many agreed, citing poor conditions in local institutions. Some students also spoke about discrimination, saying that "Bihari" was often used as a slur in universities.

Sharing a lighter moment with the students, Mr. Gandhi also tried speaking in Bhojpuri to wish the people of Bihar on the occasion of Chhath festival.

32% candidates in Phase 1 polls have criminal cases: ADR

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Around 32% of candidates contesting Phase 1 of the Bihar Assembly election have declared criminal cases against themselves. Out of them, 27% have serious criminal cases of murder and crimes against women, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The analysis by ADR and Bihar Election Watch considered the affidavits of 1,303 out of 1,314 candidates, who are contesting the first phase of the elections.

Out of the 1,303 candidates analysed, 423 (32%) have declared criminal cases against themselves. A total of 354 (27%) candidates have declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

Crime against women

There are 33 candidates with cases related to murder and 86 candidates have declared cases of attempt to murder.

A total of 42 candidates have declared cases related to crimes against women, out of which two have declared cases related to rape. As far as parties were concerned, the CPI(ML) had the largest number of candidates with criminal cases (93%) followed by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (76%) and the BJP (65%).

The CPI(ML) (93%) had most candidates with criminal cases, followed by the RJD (76%) and BJP (65%)

Case numbers

Among the major parties, 50 (44%) out of 114 candidates analysed from the Jan Suraaj Party, 18 (20%) out of 89 candidates from the BSP, 53 (76%) out of 70 candidates from the RJD, 22 (39%) out of 57 candidates from the JD(U), 31 (65%) out of 48 candidates from the BJP, 12 (27%) out of 44 candidates from the AAP, 15 (65%) out of 23 candidates from the Congress, 13 (93%) out of 14 candidates from the CPI(ML), seven (54%) out of 13 candidates from the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), all five (100%) candidates from the CPI and all three (100%) from the CPI (M) have declared criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits.

INBRIEF

At least 2 killed, 10 injured as bus catches fire in Rajasthan

At least two persons were killed and 10 injured when the private sleeper coach in which they were travelling caught fire after hitting a high-tension power line near Manoharpur on the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway on Tuesday. The bus was carrying over 50 labourers from Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh to a brick kiln. Gas cylinders and two-wheelers kept on the roof of the bus touched an 11-kV electricity line when the vehicle was crossing an internal road. Six critically injured persons were referred to Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital in Jaipur, while others are receiving treatment at the sub-district hospital in Shahpura. Investigation is under way, Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Bairwa said.

Cough syrup deaths: medical representative held in M.P.

A medical representative of Sresan Pharmaceuticals, the Tamil Nadu-based manufacturer of an adulterated cough syrup linked to the death of 25 children in Madhya Pradesh, has been arrested in Chhindwara district, officers said on Tuesday. Satish Verma was arrested in the early hours of Monday in connection with the fatalities, the police said. The children died of renal failure after allegedly consuming the 'Coldrif' cough syrup. With the arrest of Mr. Verma, a total of six people have been held so far in the case, including the owner of the pharma company, G. Ranganathan, and Dr. Praveen Soni, who prescribed the medicine.

Bihar policeman suspended after 'misconduct' video

Station House Officer Ram Chandra Mandal was suspended on Tuesday for allegedly misbehaving with a man and his sister at a restaurant in Katihar. Superintendent of Police Shikhar Chaudhary has ordered an investigation. The suspension order was shared through a press release posted by the Katihar police on X. The video of the incident, which took place on October 24, went viral on social media, with users questioning the conduct of the police amid the Assembly election in the State. The SHO arrived at the restaurant for an election check after reports of anti-social elements, the police said.

Pilots' body slams move to dilute High Court order

On the day Air India informed its cockpit crew of a diluted version of the rest and duty norms mandated by the Delhi High Court in April, and documents showed the DGCA had granted exemptions to some airlines, a pilots' group called the move a "breach of law" and sought its immediate withdrawal. "The reported grant of extension to airlines amounts to a deliberate departure from the timeline affirmed before the Hon'ble Court, undermining the sanctity of judicial proceedings and eroding the confidence of stakeholders in the regulator's adherence to the rule of law," the Federation of Indian Pilots wrote in its letter to the DGCA.

Trade talks with EU reduced 'outstanding issues', says Goyal

Foundation laid for balanced and robust agreement, says Minister after meeting with counterpart; high-level EU team to visit India next week

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal meeting EU Commissioner for Trade Maros Sefcovic in Brussels on Monday.

India and the European Union have "significantly" reduced the gaps in their negotiating positions after three days of trade discussions in Brussels, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Goyal and his EU counterpart, Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič, held discussions to provide a political push to help get the negotiations for an India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) over the finish line.

"The talks have significantly reduced our outstanding issues and allowed us to create the framework that will help deliver a win-win for our economies," Mr. Goyal said on X, describing the discussions as "intense" but "very productive".

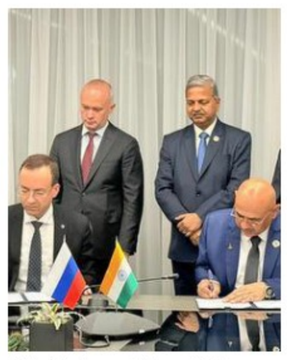
Mr. Goyal posted a video statement by the two Ministers, in which Mr Šefčovič characterised the talks as having occurred in an atmosphere of "full transparency and trust". The Commissioner also said that "further work is required". He said substantial progress had been made in a number of areas and the sides had given specific guidance to their teams on industrial tariffs.

Mr. Šefčovič confirmed that a high-level EU trade delegation led by Director-General Sabine Weyand would be in New Delhi next week to conclude "technical tariff negotiations". A trade delegation from the European Parliament is in New Delhi this week to better understand the challenges and opportunities presented by the trade negotiations. Some of the sticking points have included tariffs around agricultural products, a sensitive area for both sides and particularly for India. Tariffs on European automobiles being sold in India have also been under discussion in recent weeks. Regulatory issues, including the EU's carbon tax on imports (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism), have been contentious issues to work through.

"The negotiations and discussions have laid the foundation for a robust and balanced agreement," Mr. Goyal said.

HAL signs pact with Russian firm for civil aircraft production

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU



Officials from HAL and Oleg Bogomolov sign an MoU for making of the aircraft SJ-100.

Aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) and the Russian company United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) have signed a memorandum of understanding for production of the civil commuter aircraft SJ-100.

The SJ-100 is a twin-engine, narrow-body aircraft. As on date, more than 200 aircraft have been produced and are being operated by more than 16 commercial airline operators.

HAL said the SJ-100 would be a game changer for short-haul connectivity under the UDAN scheme in India. Under this arrangement, HAL will have the rights to manufacture SJ-100 aircraft for domestic customers.

Production in India

"This collaboration between HAL and UAC is the result of mutual trust between the organisations. This will also be the first instance wherein a complete passenger aircraft will be produced in India. The last such project was HAL's production of AVRO HS-748, which started in 1961 and ended in 1988," HAL said.

It is estimated that over the next 10 years, the Indian aviation sector will require over 200 jets in this category for regional connectivity and an additional 350 aircraft for the Indian Ocean region to serve nearby international tourist destinations, it said.

"The manufacturing of the SJ-100 aircraft marks the beginning of a new chapter in Indian aviation industry. Manufacturing will also strengthen the private sector and create direct and indirect jobs in the aviation industry," the Bengaluru-headquartered PSU said.

The MoU was signed in Moscow on Monday by Prabhat Ranjan from HAL and Oleg Bogomolov from UAC.

Cloud-seeding trials done in Delhi to tackle air pollution

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid surging pollution levels, the Delhi government, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, on Tuesday conducted two cloud-seeding trials to induce rain. However, negligible rainfall was observed till late in the evening. The first such trial was conducted on October 23.

"Today, the clouds had very little moisture content. We are doing a sortie tomorrow morning and the clouds are expected to have higher moisture content than today, and there are better chances of rainfall," Manindra Agrawal, Director, IIT-Kanpur, said.

He said they were generating data from the trials. "We are learning a lot, as cloud seeding has never been done for pollution control in Delhi or India before this."

As per officials, 0.1 mm rainfall was observed in Noida and 0.2 mm in Greater Noida around 4 p.m.

Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said more trials would be done in the coming days. He said the humidity on Tuesday was only 15% to 20%.

NDRF posted teams in five States ahead of cyclone landfall

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Teams are equipped with boats, cutting and communication equipment, to carry out relief operations

Ahead of Cyclone Montha's landfall on Tuesday night, the National Disaster Response Force deployed 25 teams across Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu, while another 20 teams were on standby.

"The Director General, NDRF, has directed all formations to maintain a high level of readiness to provide immediate response for search, rescue, and relief operations," the organisation said in a statement.

Each team is equipped with boats, cutting equipment, communication equipment, and other specialised rescue tools to carry out evacuation, relief and restoration operations.

Coordination meetings are being held with the National Disaster Management Authority and their State-level counterparts and district administrations. The NDRF teams are also conducting public-awareness campaigns and community-sensitisation activities in vulnerable areas through local administrations to ensure timely evacuation and adherence to safety advisories.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw also reviewed the Indian Railways' preparedness to deal with the aftermath of the cyclone. The meeting assessed readiness along the east coast, focusing on passenger safety, train regulation and coordination with local administrations.

UN report finds countries' emission reductions short of goal set in Paris

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The report says countries will cut emissions by only 17% by 2035, far below the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit. GETTY IMAGES

Ahead of the Conference of Parties (COP 30) in Belem, Brazil, next month, the United Nations made public a "synthesis report" on Tuesday that finds countries are poised to reduce emissions by only 17% of 2019 levels by 2035 – well below what is required to keep earth from heating up by 1.5 degrees Celsius or even 2 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.

To keep temperatures below these limits, countries must cut emissions by 37% and 57%, respectively, of 2019 levels by 2035.

The synthesis is based on countries' updated nationally determined contributions (NDC), which are promises to cut fossil fuel emissions or plant forests (to capture carbon dioxide) until 2035. Tuesday's report is only a partial picture as only 64, out of a potential 190 countries, have submitted updated NDCs until September 30. India is among the countries that is yet to submit updated NDCs, after its last submission in August 2022.

While conversation in the lead-up to climate COPs generally end to weigh heavily towards emissions reductions, the NDCs that have been submitted so far are also stressing two other important pillars of climate action – adaptation and resilience, with 73% of the new NDCs including an 'adaptation' component, the report notes. Adaptation refers to steps that must be taken by countries to adapt to ongoing and future impact from warming.

"All NDCs go beyond mitigation to include elements, inter alia, on adaptation, finance, technology transfer, capacity building and addressing loss and damage, reflecting the comprehensive scope of the Paris Agreement," the report notes.

With regard to greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions, the total GHG emission level resulting from the implementation of Parties' new NDCs is projected to be around 13 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent in 2035, which is 6% below what they promised in their previous NDCs (submitted from 2020-2022).

Domestic pledges

Afforestation, reforestation and adding solar energy were identified as the options with the greater need for support. Some Parties have announced domestic pledges and projects, such as tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030, enhancing low-carbon hydrogen production and expanding Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) capacity.

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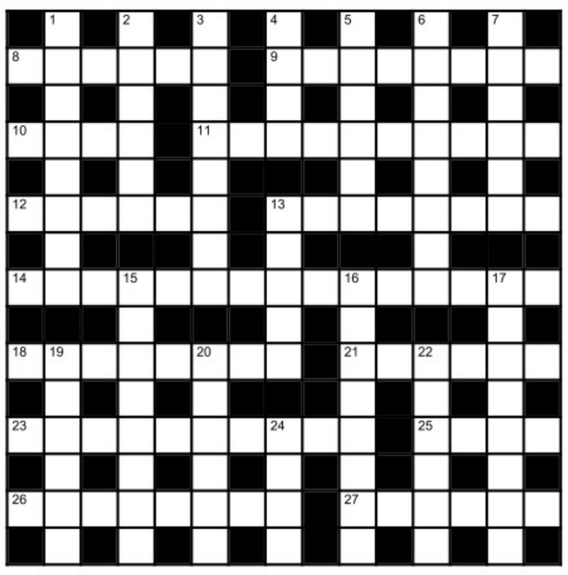

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9 English travel out around beginning of October for something that takes them to different level (8)
10 Old address in guest houses (4)
11 Are art works connecting company to a secure ground? (5,5)
12 Burn out - that is regressive state (6)
13 Pompous mastery over playing organ (8)
14 Olympian hero Remo, mostly fighting for what was founded by Charlemagne (4,5,6)
18 First show of enduring conjugal support (8)
21 Leaving hoodlum regularly involved in sex trafficking (6)
23 Resident of popular hotel - a scrap worker (10)
25 Occasionally shouts hard to silence (4)
26 Disloyal tailless ape, eating plants essentially (8)
27 Labour has no time to check out small spouted bottle for lubrication (6)

Down

1 Success and other brews so far! (8)
2 Boost dopes could be unsupported (6)
3 One I turn magically into a lepton (8)
4 Bamboo shoot uprooted for herbivore (4)
5 Austria persisted, holding back restoration (6)
6 Showing enthusiasm for Putin age, surprisingly! (6,2)
7 Stone age tomb of diseased old soldiers (6)
13 Benefit from bit of travails (5)
15 Regulars in type love resistance, enrolled in various reserves (8)
16 English king going back into violent action (8)
17 Philosopher arouses, transforms you in the end (8)
19 X numbers backing a verse (6)
20 Time for grieving at Sankara hospital (6)
22 Barely done, hot and seasoned in suspension (2,4)
24 Not in favour of gas bombing? Could be against! (4)

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FAITH

The Lord of Thiruvellarai

Lord Narayana is identified by His lotus eyes. And He has lotus eyes no matter what avatara He takes, elaborated K.B. Devarajan in a discourse. When Hanuman meets Sita, He has to convince Her that he is genuine and is not one of Ravana's asuras in disguise. So He describes Rama, to show Her that he has indeed seen Her Consort. Here Hanuman uses the words – *Ramaha kamala patra aksha* – Rama's eyes are like the petals of a lotus.

When Krishna chooses to stay with Vidura, instead of in the Kaurava palace, Duryodhana says to Him, *kimartham pundareekaksha* – why oh lotus-eyed One? His eyes in the archa form are celebrated by Thiruppanazhvar. In his Amalanadipiran, Thiruppanazhvar sang of the beauty of Lord Ranganatha of Srirangam, including His long eyes. In the Thiruvellarai temple, He is known as Pundareekaksha – the One with lotus-like eyes. The Goddess in the temple is known as Sengamalavalli and Pangayachelvi. The vimana is vimalakruthi. There are many sacred teerthams in this kshetra.

King Sibi, who established the temple, wanted to settle 3,700 Sri Vaishnavas here. Unfortunately, one of them died. The Lord suggested that the king include Him as one of the Sri Vaishnavas, to bring the count to 3,700 as he had wished. So the Lord became one among His devotees. This reminds one of the occasion when Lava and Kusa sang before Rama. Rama was so impressed by their singing, that He forgot Himself, rose from His throne and sat among the citizens of Ayodhya. Just as the quality of *sauseelya* was evident in the Lord's Rama avatara, it is also evident in His archa form, as we see in Thiruvellarai.

INBRIEF

MCX operations delayed due to technical glitch

The Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) faced disruptions to operations due to a technical issue on Tuesday, forcing it to commence trading over four hours late and shift operations to its disaster recovery site. "Operations were shifted to the Disaster Recovery (DR) site, and trading started at 1.25 pm," MCX said in a regulatory filing. The commodities bourse noted that an investigation into the issue had been initiated on priority. PTI

TVS Motor Company Q2 net profit rises 42% to ₹833 crore

TVS Motor Company on Tuesday reported a 42% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹832.76 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, 2025, riding on robust vehicle sales. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹588.13 crore in the corresponding quarter last fiscal, TVS Motor Company said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated revenue from operations in the second quarter stood at ₹14,051.22 crore as against ₹11,197.19 crore in the year-ago period, the company added. PTI

14th round of commercial coal mine auctions today

The coal ministry will launch the fourteenth round of commercial coal mine auctions on Wednesday. Other than offering a fresh set of fully and partially explored blocks for auction, it will, for the first time, introduce provisions for underground coal gasification within the framework. This innovative step is expected to reduce dependence on imported natural gas and crude oil, while unlocking newer avenues across related sectors, the ministry said.

BPCL, OIL to explore tie-up for proposed refinery in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oil India Limited (OIL) signed an MoU on Tuesday to explore collaboration for BPCL's upcoming greenfield refinery and petrochemical complex near Ramayapatnam Port in Nellore district, A.P.

The companies will evaluate opportunities for collaboration, including the possibility of OIL taking a minority equity stake in the proposed joint venture, for the proposed 9-12 million tonnes facility to be established with an estimated investment of ₹1 lakh crore ($11 billion).

"By joining hands with OIL, we are combining complementary strengths to create a project of strategic scale and sustainability," said Sanjay Khanna, BPCL's Director (Refineries), who holds additional charge as CMD.

BPCL, OIL and Numaligarh Refinery signed an MoU to facilitate evacuation of petroleum products following NRL's expansion from 3 MTPA to 9 MTPA.

The agreement covers joint construction of a 700-km product pipeline from Siliguri to Mughalsarai, at an estimated investment of ₹3,500 crore.

BPCL also signed an MoU with Fertilisers & Chemicals Travancore for supply and trading of Fermented Organic Manure and Liquid Fermented Organic Manure from its upcoming MSW-based CBG Plant near Kochi Refinery.

Oil Minister allays fears over Russian crude oil supplies

India energy scene looks promising, refining capacity set to increase from 258 MT to 310 MT by 2030, with plans to take it beyond 400 MT

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Days after the U.S imposed new sanctions on two Russian oil companies, effectively making Indian refiners sourcing crude look beyond them, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday asserted that there is enough global crude oil supply.

"Even if one supply goes down you got alternatives elsewhere," he said, without mentioning names or getting into specifics, while also pointing out to how the global oil trade is not governed by any established set of rules such as GATT.

Mr. Puri, who was participating in a fireside chat at the 28th Energy Technology Meet that got underway here, sought to highlight how the Indian oil refiners have a diversified basket of suppliers as well as export markets over the years. From 27, the number of countries from which India imports crude oil has gone up to 40. Indian oil companies export refined products to as many as 50 countries valued at $45 billion, he said.

Hardeep Singh Puri

'Energy promising'

During the chat, centered around refining, especially the impact of slow pace at which global energy market is expected to grow, Mr. Puri said the India energy scene looks promising with the refinery sector poised to play a crucial role in India's economic growth. The refining capacity is set to increase from a little over 258 million tonnes (MT) to 310 MT by 2030. "We have plans to take it beyond that... 400 MT," the Minister declared.

Underscoring how India's growth and demographics are set to drive demand, he said such a situation prevails even as globally 101 of 420 refineries representing nearly 18.4 million barrels per day or about 20% of global capacity are at risk of closure in the next 7-10 years.

"If your policy framework is properly thought through and support system has everything in place then you find that as you go from start to modest to better build and onwards, the target and objective can become more ambitious," Mr. Puri said, while also emphasising on importance of refineries increasingly diversifying into petrochemicals.

Won't stop buying Russian oil, says IOC's Jain

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and other Indian oil firms may not completely halt purchases of Russian crude as recent sanctions target specific Russian suppliers, not the oil itself, according to officials.

"We are absolutely not going to discontinue [buying Russian crude] as long as we are complying with the sanctions. Russian crude is not sanctioned. It is the entities and the shipping lines which have got sanctions," he said. "If somebody comes to me with a non-sanctioned entity, and the (price) cap is being complied with, and the shipping is okay, then I will continue to buy it," IOC Director (Finance) Anuj Jain said in a post-earnings analyst call on Tuesday.

Mr. Jain said that Russian crude formed 18-19% of the state-owned downstream refiner's overall mix in the second quarter.

He added that discounts on Russian crude had been "consistent" in the past five to six months at about $2-3 for every barrel.

(With PTI inputs)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,628	-0.18
US Dollar	88.29	-0.11
Gold	1,21,800	-3.25
Brent oil	64.36	-2.27

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2494.40	1.60
Adani Ports	1417.90	-2.70
Apollo Hosp	7880.50	35.00
Asian Paints	2509.30	-9.50
Axis Bank	1246.30	-7.80
Bajaj Auto	9057.50	-38.00
Bajaj Finserv	2140.20	-30.00
Bajaj Finance	1072.75	-11.65
Bharat Elec	413.55	-1.60
Bharti Airtel	2090.20	10.10
Cipla	1568.10	-15.90
Coal India	391.40	-5.30
Dr Reddys Lab	1289.40	5.10
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	7002.50	96.00
Eternal Ltd.	334.60	0.90
Grasim Ind	2932.90	9.00
HCL Tech	1522.10	-11.40
HDFC Bank	1003.55	0.60
HDFC Life	747.00	9.75
Hindalco	848.95	8.10
Hind Unilever	2497.10	-14.70
ICICI Bank	1363.10	-14.50
IntGlobeAvi	5809.00	-26.00
Infosys	1500.20	-4.30
ITC	417.90	-2.75
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	307.95	2.40
JSW Steel	1184.20	33.60
Kotak Bank	2160.80	12.20
L&T	3972.80	49.00
M&M	3579.10	-32.50
Maruti Suzuki	16311.00	-77.00
Max Healthcare	1179.70	-6.70
NestleIndia	1271.00	-12.00
NTPC	339.15	-2.60
ONGC	250.54	-2.73
PowerGrid Corp	288.25	-2.80
Reliance Ind	1486.90	2.80
SBI Life	1936.80	33.70
State Bank	930.25	7.50
Shriram Finance Ltd.	723.70	4.10
Sun Pharma	1687.00	-6.60
TataConsumerProduct	1168.90	-1.00
Tata Steel	181.81	5.15
TCS	3057.90	-27.00
Tech Mahindra	1447.40	-15.40
Titan	3717.00	-22.80
Tata Motors PV	411.50	1.45
Trent Ltd.	4725.40	-73.30
UltraTech Cement	11931.00	-84.00
Wipro	242.38	-1.53

'Ready to share solar expertise with other parts of the world'

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said India's experience with PM Surya Ghar and PM Kusum had been 'excellent' and it was ready to share its expertise and experience in the solar sector with other countries.

New Delhi has been looking to showcase the PM-Kusum (Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan) and PM Surya Ghar Yojana to several African countries and island nations, he said at the International Solar Alliance (ISA) here on Tuesday.

This could be of particular use for Africa, which has so far been able to tap only 4% of its arable land through irrigation due to lack of rural power. "We are ready to share our expertise and experience, and we [the government] are also supporting ISA to expand this in other parts of the world and member countries of ISA," he said.

Mr. Joshi informed that 10 lakh solar rooftops had been completed and 21 lakh were nearing completion under PM Surya Ghar.

Amazon to reduce 14,000 corporate jobs globally; 'in India, a few thousand roles'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Amazon, the Seattle-based e-tailer employing more than 1.5 million people globally, said it would cut corporate workforce by about 14,000 as part of an ongoing exercise aimed at making the firm leaner, less bureaucratic and AI-driven.

A section of the media reported Amazon was laying off some 30,000 people, the largest corporate job cuts by the company, with implications across geographies, including in India where the company has 1.2-1.3 lakh direct staff.

A few hours after the news of mass layoffs hit the headlines, Beth Galetti, senior vice-president of People Experience and Technology at Amazon, in a blogpost, informed staff the firm was effecting organisational changes that would impact jobs of some of the teammates.

The impact on India would be quite significant.

"While this will include reducing in some areas and hiring in others, it will mean an overall reduction in our corporate workforce of approximately 14,000 roles," she said. As India has a sizeable chunk of Amazon's workforce, the impact on India would be quite significant.

Avinash Vashistha, MD and Founder, Tholons, an AI and tech advisory firm said, Amazon's massive firing plan marked a severe correction to its binge hiring during the pandemic, when it added over 5,00,000 people globally.

"This people-correction is driven by a strategic pivot to AI and a mandate to reduce excess bureaucracy. The impact on India will be significant."

Saudi's Flyadeal to fly into India next year

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Saudi Arabian low-cost carrier (LCC) Flyadeal will launch operations into India with 'four to five' destinations in the first 12 months of 2026, CEO Steven Greenway said.

"We would have liked to have been here earlier, if not for aircraft delivery delays plaguing the industry," Mr. Greenway told *The Hindu* in an interview.

The airline will be flying to India from all its four hubs viz. Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam and Medina – the last of which will be opened early next year.

Unveiled in 2017, Flyadeal is the sister airline of full-service national carrier Saudia. On whether there were demands for more seats Saudi carriers could fly into India and access to more destinations, he echoed India's demands for curtailing movement of passengers via hubs such as Dubai and Doha to support local airlines.

"Carriers from other nations have been taking our customers from each country and routing them via a third country. We're not saying it should stop, but we should get a fair share of direct traffic between both countries," Mr. Greenway said, adding the airline was focused on direct traffic between India and Saudi Arabia.

Air India Express to strengthen local network

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Air India Express, the low cost subsidiary of Air India, will boost presence in the local market for market share with the segment likely to grow faster than the global network, MD & CEO Aloke Singh said.

"About two years ago, as much as 60% of the network was short-haul international and rest domestic. Today, it is about 50-50. We have been growing international short-haul as well. But, we have been growing faster in the local market and this trend would continue," he said.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	11,905.43	9,228.24	36,251.32	14,051.22	11,197.19	44,089.01
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	1,226.30	897.22	3,628.79	1,223.29	878.48	3,505.35
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,226.30	897.22	3,628.79	1,223.29	878.48	3,505.35
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	906.09	662.62	2,710.54	832.76	588.13	2,379.81
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	914.53	669.06	2,743.16	911.44	665.88	2,427.03
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	9,889.14	-	-	8,455.87
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	9,733.30	8,953.91	9,966.18	7,952.49	7,744.21	8,481.39
10	Outstanding Debt	516.87	420.86	1,441.38	23,917.23	22,763.59	23,500.76
11	Outstanding Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares (NCRPS)	1,900.40	NA	NA	1,900.40	NA	NA
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times) (Debt includes NCRPS)	0.25	0.05	0.15	3.18	2.93	2.76
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	 19.07 19.07	 13.95 13.95	 57.05 57.05	 16.74 16.74	 11.80 11.80	 47.05 47.05
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	5.86	5.22	5.36	3.91	3.72	2.92
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	32.01	26.77	30.65	19.21	14.12	14.57
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.54	0.65	0.60	1.08	1.04	1.12
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	2.08	2.03	1.81
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.89	0.85	0.84	0.62	0.64	0.60
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.14	0.07	0.09	0.59	0.59	0.58
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	29.17	26.39	28.08	26.98	23.73	24.80
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	17.45	17.90	16.64	13.08	11.90	11.46
25	Operating Margin (%)	12.7	11.7	12.3	11.7	10.5	10.8
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	7.6	7.2	7.5	5.9	5.2	5.4

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).

2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

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For TVS Motor Company Limited
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Sudarshan Venu
Chairman

ISLAMABAD

Afghanistan, Pakistan end peace talks in Turkiye without resolution

AFP

Talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan in Istanbul to broker a long-term truce have ended without a resolution, two sources said on Tuesday, a blow for peace in the region after deadly clashes this month. Both sides could not find common ground in a second round of talks mediated by Turkiye and Qatar in Istanbul. REUTERS

KUALA LUMPUR

Philippines to take ASEAN chair with focus on South China Sea

AP

Malaysia handed over the chairmanship of ASEAN to the Philippines on Tuesday, with territorial disputes in the South China Sea set to dominate its agenda when Manila takes charge in 2026. Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim symbolically passed the gavel to Filipino President Ferdinand Marcos at the close of the summit. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. kills 14 in strikes on alleged drug smuggling boats in Pacific

AFP

U.S. forces killed 14 persons in strikes that destroyed four alleged drug-smuggling boats in the eastern Pacific Ocean, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Tuesday, bringing the death toll from the U.S.'s controversial anti-narcotics campaign to at least 57. Mr. Hegseth called it the deadliest day of the campaign so far. AFP

NAIROBI

All 11 on board, majority foreigners, killed in Kenya light aircraft crash

REUTERS

A small plane travelling from Kenya's coast crashed on Tuesday, killing all 11 on board, most of them foreigners, the airline said. The small plane was en route to Kichwa Tembo — an airstrip located in the Maasai Mara National Park — from the tourist hotspot of Diani when it came down at around 5:30 a.m. local time (8 a.m. IST). AFP

RSF accused of mass executions in Sudan

Agence France-Presse
PORT SUDAN

Reports were mounting on Tuesday of ethnically motivated atrocities in the western Sudanese city of El-Fasher since its capture by paramilitaries, with allies of the Army accusing fighters of executing "more than 2,000" civilians.

El-Fasher fell to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) after more than 18 months of brutal siege warfare, giving the group control over every State capital in the vast Darfur region.

Allies of the Army, the Joint Forces, said on Tuesday that the RSF "committed heinous crimes against innocent civilians in the city of El-Fasher, where more than 2,000 unarmed citizens were executed and killed on October 26 and 27, most of them women, children and the elderly".

China and ASEAN, hit by U.S. tariffs, sign upgraded free trade agreement

The deal will pave the way for improved market access in agriculture, digital economy and pharmaceuticals between the two sides; the 11-member bloc is Beijing's largest trading partner, with bilateral volume totalling $771 billion last year

Reuters
KUALA LUMPUR

China and the ASEAN bloc of Southeast Asian nations signed an upgrade to their free trade agreement on Tuesday, with leaders hailing the deal which spans the digital and green economy, and other new industries.

The 11-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations is China's largest trading partner, with bilateral trade totalling $771 billion last year, according to ASEAN statistics.

China is seeking to intensify its engagement with ASEAN, a region with a collective gross domestic product of $3.8 trillion, to counter hefty import tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump's administration on countries around the world. "We must accelerate trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation and strengthen industrial integration and interdependence," Chinese Premier Li Qiang said at the ASEAN leaders' meeting on Tuesday.

China's Premier Li Qiang, left, and Malaysia's Anwar Ibrahim at the signing of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area 3.0 in Kuala Lumpur. AP

Beijing has been seeking to position itself as a more open economy, despite criticism of its expanding export restrictions on rare earths and other critical minerals.

The so-called 3.0 version of the free trade agreement between ASEAN and China was signed into effect at a summit of the bloc's leaders in Malaysia, which Mr. Trump attended on Sunday at the start of a trip through Asia. Negotiations on the upgraded ASEAN-China deal began in November 2022 and concluded in May this year, just after Mr. Trump's tariff offensive kicked into gear. The first FTA came into force in 2010.

"The upgrade will further reduce trade barriers, strengthen supply chain connectivity, and unlock opportunities in future growth areas," Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong said.

China has previously said the agreement would pave the way for improved market access in sectors such as agriculture, the digital economy and pharmaceuticals between China and ASEAN. Both China and ASEAN are part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the world's largest trading bloc, which covers nearly a third of the global population and about 30% of global gross domestic product. Malaysia hosted an RCEP summit in Kuala Lumpur on Monday, the first in five years. The bloc is seen by some analysts as a potential buffer against tariffs imposed by the United States, though its provisions are considered weaker than some other regional trade deals due to competing interests among its members.

Netanyahu orders Gaza strikes, claims Hamas broke truce

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Hamas says it will delay handing over the remains of a hostage over Israel's truce 'violations'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday ordered the military to carry out intense strikes on the Gaza Strip, after accusing Hamas of violating the U.S.-brokered ceasefire.

Minutes later, Hamas said it would delay handing over the remains of another hostage under the terms of the truce deal over what it called Israel's truce "violations".

"Following security consultations, Prime Minister Netanyahu instructed the military to immediately carry out powerful strikes in the Gaza Strip," a statement from his office said, without elaborating.

Gaza struck

Meanwhile, Gaza's civil defence agency said that Israel launched at least three air strikes on the Palestinian territory following Mr. Netanyahu's order.

The Palestinian militant group had earlier said it would hand over another hostage body later on Tuesday amid mounting Israeli pressure after it returned only the partial remains of a previously recovered captive. "We will postpone the handover that was scheduled for today due to the occupation's violations," Hamas's armed wing said in a statement, adding that any Israeli "escalation will hinder the search, excavation, and recovery of the bodies".

India's diaspora diplomacy and the limits of cultural nationalism abroad

NEWS ANALYSIS

Varghese K. George

The Indian diaspora has been in the spotlight in various countries in recent weeks. A section of the diaspora has attracted attention for its display of faith and culture, crossing the limits of acceptable public behaviour in developed countries. The immersion of Ganapati statues in waterbodies and the display of Deepavali fireworks in public places are examples.

After Deepavali revellers set two houses on fire in Edmonton, Canada, an official police statement said: "Light up your home, not your neighbour's roof." Three men have been charged with arson. Anti-immigrant and nativist protesters in Australia have singled out Indians, and in the U.S. and Canada, nationalist campaigners have a special focus on people of Indian origin these days.

The higher visibility of these incidents could also be because a section of Indians aggressively promotes cultural exhibitionism as a matter of community pride and right – for instance, in the use of firecrackers on Deepavali wherever they are. In the midst of all this, the Indian diaspora is being urged by some observers to advocate Indian positions in the United States.

The Indian national movement was spread around the world in British colonies, and in the U.S. and Canada, but the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, consciously decided to keep the new Republic aloof from PIO (person of Indian origin) politics in foreign countries. He did not want India to be seen as interfering in the domestic politics of another country through the diaspora, and he urged PIO to stay loyal to the countries that they had adopted.

Crossing limits: A section of the diaspora has come under scrutiny for its display of faith and culture in developed countries. REUTERS

Rise of Hindutva

Issues of discrimination and racism were not narrow Indian concerns, and were raised as matters of universal human rights. This approach was consistent with the concept of territorial nationalism that guided Indian thinking then, as opposed to cultural nationalism.

The rise of Hindutva and a parallel fresh surge in the outflow of Indians expanded a global network of cultural nationalists from the 1990s. With the ascent of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister in 2014, this approach gained further momentum. Mr. Modi addressed diaspora rallies in several countries, most notably the U.S.

Exactly around this time, the fear of foreign interference in domestic politics became a central concern in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and several European countries. At various points in U.S. history, immigrants from specific regions or countries have been subjects of special scrutiny. In recent years, allegations of Chinese and Russian interference have dominated public discourse. Even Israel, which had a free pass as an autonomous actor in U.S. domestic politics for decades, is facing increased scrutiny and resistance. Not only left-leaning figures such as Bernie Sanders, but also Christian conservatives such as Marjorie Taylor Greene and media figure Tucker Carlson now call out Israel's influence in U.S. domestic politics.

It may be noted that foreign influence operations per se are not illegal in the US, as long as they are openly registered as such.

Historically, Indian immigrants were considered a benign presence in the U.S. and diverse within, as followers of all religions and speakers of several languages. But state-sponsored attempts to turn the diaspora into active members of Indian strategy have clashed with a rising fear of foreign interference in the West. India has escaped the kind of hostility that Russia and China face, but there is enough to suggest that New Delhi is not going unnoticed on this count in the West.

Nationalist hype

India does not allow dual citizenship, but the U.S. does. India gave partial citizenship rights to PIOs through the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003, by adding Sections 7A-7D to the Citizenship Act, 1955. This amendment introduced the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI), offering lifetime visa-free entry, exemption from police registration, and rights similar to those of NRIs in economic, educational, and financial fields for the community. In 2015, the technical categories of PIO and OCI were merged as OCI. India presents this arrangement as "dual citizenship in spirit, but not in law".

U.S. citizens can hold passports of more than one country, but some lawmakers, including Ms. Greene, are seeking more scrutiny on the issue. Fear of foreign interference in domestic politics is a universal concern of parties and state agencies in the West. Expectations from the diaspora to promote Indian interests in the U.S. or any other country must account for the reality that it is negotiating an era of heightened nationalism in host countries. Multi-alignment may not work for diaspora members always. After all, nationalist hype is not an exclusive preserve of India.

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CORRIGENDUM
Regarding Tender Notification: **26/2025-26 Dtd. 25.09.2025.** the following corrigendum has issued.

Sl.No	Original Notification	Corrigendum
1	Last date & time for submission of bid: 27.10.2025 up to 17.00 hrs	Last date & time for submission of bid:10.11.2025 up to 17.00 hrs
2	Opening of Technical bids: 29.10.2025 up to 11.00 hrs	Opening of Technical bids: 12.11.2025 up to 11.00 hrs

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Availability of Bid documents: 03.11.2025 @ 15:00 Hrs onwards. **Last date for Bid Submission:** 05.12.2025 @ 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of Technical Bids:** 06.12.2025 @ 15:15 Hrs. **Pre-bid Meeting:** 17.11.2025 @ 11:00 Hrs. **Last date for submission of Queries:** 15.11.2025 before 17:00 Hrs. **Venue:** Conference hall, 3rd Floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate office, BESCOM, K. R Circle, Bangalore- 560 001.
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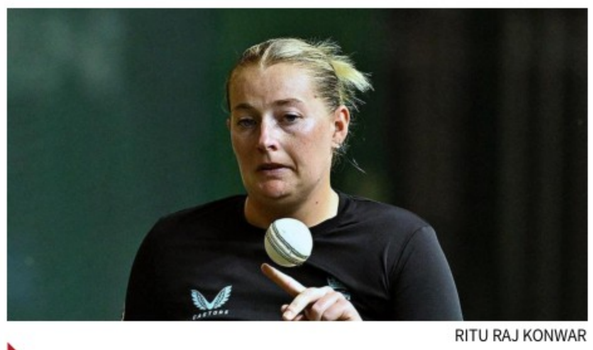
We are confident Ecclestone will be ready for semifinal: Sciver-Brunt



RITU RAJ KONWAR

Nat Sciver-Brunt was positive about Sophie Ecclestone's availability for the semifinal. The spinner suffered a minor injury after falling awkwardly while trying to stop a boundary against New Zealand. "She had a scan, but she's training... we're pretty confident that she'll be ready for the game," said the England skipper.

STILL AT THE TOP

Smriti continues as the No. 1 batter in the ODI rankings

AFP

Smriti Mandhana continued her status as the No. 1 batter in women's ODI after achieving a career-best rating on the back of the World Cup campaign. The 29-year-old batter scored 109 against New Zealand and 34 n.o against Bangladesh and moved to 828 points, almost 100 points clear of Australia's Ashleigh Gardner (731).

WELL BEGUN

Dominant South Africa gets the better of Pakistan in first T20I

AP

South Africa thrashed Pakistan by 55 runs in the first T20I at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.
The scores: South Africa 194/9 in 20 overs (Hendricks 60, de Zorzi 33, Linde 36, Nawaz 3/26) bt Pakistan 139 in 18.1 overs (Ayub 37, Nawaz 36, Bosch 4/14; Linde 3/31); **Toss:** Pakistan; **PoM:** Linde.

CLINICAL SHOW

Hooda goes on the rampage as Titans end Pirates' sizzling run

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Telugu Titans, riding on Bharat Hooda's 23 points, ended Patna Pirates' dream run with a 46-39 win in Eliminator 3 of PKL 12 on Tuesday night. Pirates' Ayan Lohchab became the first raider to score 20-plus points in six games in a season, finishing with 316 raid points. His efforts couldn't help Pirates cross the finish line.

SA needs an all-round show to challenge a gritty England

The record, over the years, has not been kind to the Proteas; in three previous 50-over semifinal jousts, the former had lost twice to the latter; Wolvaardt's batting line-up needs to deliver

ODI WORLD CUP

Lavanya L
GUWAHATI

Immediate goal: After a crushing defeat to England in the league game, South Africa will look to turn things around in the crucial contest. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Life in the Women's ODI World Cup 2025 comes full circle for England and South Africa. The sides are back to where their campaigns began in this tournament (against each other), with both eager to leave behind triumphs and demons of the past.

The record, over the years, has not been kind to the South Africans. In the three prior semifinals they have made in ODI World Cups, they've lost twice to England – a heartbreaking two-wicket reverse in Bristol in 2017 and a 137-run demolition in Christchurch in 2022.

Even in this edition, the horrors of a 10-wicket thrashing at the hands of Nat Sciver-Brunt's side are far from erased for the Proteas.

It comes as no surprise then, that skipper Laura Wolvaardt placed value on the side staying calm ahead of Wednesday's semifinal at the ACA Stadium here.

Barring a tame loss to Australia and a few scares against Bangladesh and Pakistan, an England side in transition has given a fairly neat account of itself, with different players stepping up and guiding their side to victories.

Its spinners have dominated so far, with Linsey Smith's utility and stinginess, particularly with the new ball, proving vital to the side's cause. She was the architect of that South African crumble weeks ago, where the Proteas combusted for just 69.

South Africa will need its famed batting order to click in cohesion.

Wolvaardt, Sune Luus, and Marizanne Kapp have all been key to victories in different games, but haven't had one good game together.

Tazmin Brits' volatility will need a quick fix, as the undue pressure an early wicket puts on the top-order often attracts collapses.

Nadine de Klerk had plenty of time with the batting coach, showing how a lower-order game-changer like her can be against a formidable English bowling attack.

Nonkululeko Mlaba has been South Africa's best bowler, but will need a lot more help in this do-or-die encounter.

With no rain forecast for the day, an uninterrupted fixture is on the cards.

South Africa is a dangerous side, admits Sciver-Brunt

Lavanya L
GUWAHATI

Four-time champion England has been a force to reckon with in the 50-over showpiece, missing out on the knockouts only once in the tournament's 13-edition history.

For skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt, who has been at the helm of a transitioning side with new coach Charlotte Edwards, this run reinforces belief in the processes being set in place.

"We started the tournament unsure of where we were compared to the other teams in the world. But we always wanted to come here, try and win, regardless of where we are in our journey," she said ahead of the semifinal against South Africa at the ACA Stadium here on Wednesday.

Great achievement

"We've made it to the knockouts and finished second on the table, which is a great achievement in itself. Knockout games are a real privilege to be a part of, and to find ourselves here so early in our tenure is special."

She dismissed any suggestions of taking South Africa lightly after beating the latter by 10 wickets earlier in the tournament.

"South Africa has had some brilliant games since then and is a dangerous side. You never assume you are going to take 10 wickets so quickly in a match."

Sciver-Brunt will have her parents and siblings in attendance to cheer her on as she hopes to carry England to its eighth final.

"For the competition, it would be brilliant if India got to the final, just to feel that atmosphere. It's obviously going to be a massive couple of games."

Today's match

SEMIFINAL 1

vs.

Guwahati, 3 p.m.

H2H in ODIs
Played: 47

England	South Africa	NR
36	10	1

In World Cups
Played: 9

England	South Africa
7	2

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Golden opportunity: Shafali will hope to make the most of the chance that has come her way. GETTY IMAGES

Shafali should stick to her style: Raman

Lavanya L
GUWAHATI

For Shafali Verma, dropped from the ODI set-up for lack of consistency in October 2024 ahead of the tour of Australia, the last 12 months have been about trying to prove to the leadership group, and herself, that she belonged to the 50-over game.

In 29 fixtures, she had just 644 runs at an average of 23.00, and it didn't help her case when a promising opening partner for Smriti Mandhana emerged in Pratika Rawal. However, a freak injury to Pratika has opened the doors for Shafali again.

The aggressive opener was with the Haryana team in Surat for the senior women's T20 trophy when she was called to Navi Mumbai for the World Cup semifinal against Australia.

"She has been out of the team for so long and that's a lesson for her. She's not someone to take the burden of pressure on herself... it's the other teams who are under pressure just hearing her name," Mahipal Singh, Haryana coach, told the *The Hindu*.

Former India head coach W.V. Raman underlined the challenge for Shafali. "She has to find a way to be a maverick in a set-up where mavericks aren't generally preferred," he had said ahead of the ICC showpiece.

"I would encourage her to not let go of her basic style and attitude. She can be a No. 2 original, which is fantastic, rather than being a No. 1 imitation of somebody," said Raman.

Shreyas out of ICU, in stable condition

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NEW DELHI

Shreyas Iyer, who suffered a ruptured spleen and rib cage injury during the third ODI against Australia, has been shifted out of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of a Sydney hospital and is now in a stable condition, easing concerns over his health. "He has been shifted out of ICU and may take a few more days before he is discharged from hospital in Sydney," a BCCI source privy to the development said.

Iyer sustained a lower left rib cage injury while attempting a difficult running catch to dismiss Alex Carey off Harshit Rana's bowling. Though he initially walked off the field with assistance from the physio, his condition later deteriorated as his vital parameters dropped, prompting immediate hospitalization.

Subsequent tests revealed internal bleeding caused by a laceration in the spleen, following which he was admitted to the ICU for close monitoring.

BCCI's head of medical services, Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, commended the on-field medical staff for their swift and efficient response, which helped avert a potentially critical situation.

Eye on SKY in the T20I series opener

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

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CANBERRA

Prep time: With key bowlers back in the mix, India is expected to test Australia. X@BCCI

The leader in Suryakumar Yadav will nudge the batter in him to take centrestage and start contributing handsomely with the willow when India takes on Australia in the opening T20 International here on Wednesday.

It promises to be a battle on equals with both countries having won eight of their last 10 T20I games and suffering a loss just once each. While India had one tied game, Australia saw one game washed out.

Since being appointed captain, Suryakumar's record has been phenomenal in terms of results, with 23 wins in 29 games so far, adhering to the new template of fearless cricket where every batter goes all guns blazing from ball one.

The aggression at all costs and Surya's own leadership skills have worked really well with an all-win bilateral series record and the Asia Cup triumph.

The Australia series marks the beginning of India's real preparation going into the T20 World Cup early next year with 15 games to get into the groove.

In 2023, Suryakumar had batted in 18 innings, scoring 733 runs at a strike rate of nearly 156 and it comprised two tons and five half-centuries. In 2024, he amassed little less than 450 runs at a strike-rate of 151 but cut to 2025, the Indian skipper has managed only 100 runs from 10 innings at an average of 11 runs per game.

While bounce in Manuka Oval track gives him a chance to ride on it and get maximum returns, Josh Hazlewood's presence and those Test match lengths on and in the off-stump corridor will create problems.

It will not only be a new set of question for someone like Abhishek Sharma but also old set of queries for the Indian skipper. Jasprit Bumrah's presence and Varun Chakaravarthy's guile will be the important factors if Indian batters can put up a decent score.

The 12 overs from Varun, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel will be very important alongside Bumrah and Arshdeep's opening spells against Travis Head and the dangerous Mitchell Marsh.

The teams (from):
Australia: Mitchell Marsh (Capt.), Sean Abbott (games 1-3), Xavier Bartlett, Mahli Beardman (games 3-5), Tim David, Ben Dwarshuis (games 4-5), Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood (games 1-2), Glenn Maxwell (games 3-5), Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Matthew Kuhnemann, Mitchell Owen, Josh Philippe, Tanveer Sangha, Matthew Short and Marcus Stoinis.
India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Shubman Gill (Vice-capt.), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Nitish Kumar, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Varun Chakaravarthy, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh and Washington Sundar.
The five-match schedule:
Oct. 29 (Canberra); **Oct. 31** (Melbourne); **Nov. 2** (Hobart); **Nov. 6** (Gold Coast); **Nov. 8** (Brisbane).
All matches start at 1.45 p.m. IST.

Bagan held by Dempo; East Bengal races past CFC

SUPER CUP

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
MARGAO

Dempo Sports Club, which drew 2-2 against East Bengal in its opening match, also shared the honours with the other Kolkata giant – Mohun Bagan Super Giant – with a goalless draw in the Super Cup here on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, East Bengal cruised to a 4-0 win over Chennaiyin FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim.

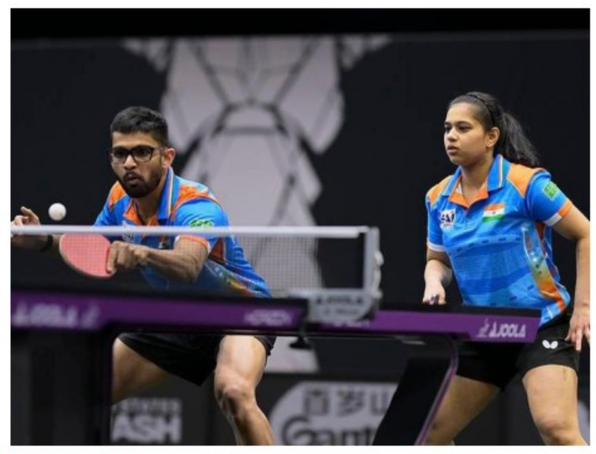
Kevin Sibille opened the scoring for East Bengal while Bipin Singh struck twice in six minutes to put the contest beyond Chennaiyin, which bowed out with its second straight loss.

A controversial penalty, converted by Hiroshi Ibusuki in second-half stoppage time, saw the Red and Gold brigade complete its tally.

The focus will now be on the Kolkata derby, between Bagan and East Bengal, on October 31.

The results:
Mohun Bagan Super Giant 0 drew with Dempo SC 0.
Chennaiyin FC 0 lost to East Bengal 4 (Sibille 35, Bipin 39 & 45+1, Ibusuki 90+4).

SNAPSHOTS



Scripting history: Manush and Diya are the first Indians to qualify for the marquee event. WTT

Manush and Diya make it to the WTT Finals

CHENNAI: Indian paddlers Manush Shah and Diya Chitale have qualified for the mixed doubles event of the WTT Finals, to be held in Hong Kong from December 10 to 14. The pair made the grade after being No. 5 in the latest WTT Series Finals race rankings.
No Indian in any category – singles or doubles – had made it to the WTT Finals since it was introduced in 2021.
Diya and Manush had won the WTT Contender in Tunis and finished runner-up in WTT Star Contender at Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.
This is the first time mixed doubles has been introduced. The top seven pairs and one host wild card pair will fight for honours.

Chennai Open matches postponed again

CHENNAI: For the second successive day, the WTA 250 Chennai Open tennis tournament was washed out on Tuesday. This is unprecedented for a city that has hosted international tournaments for the nearly three decades (from the ATP Challenger Series in 1996).

With the weather expected to clear on Wednesday, the organisers have scheduled all the first-round Indian matches on the Centre Court one after the other. The first match will be between Czechia's Linda Fruhvirtova, the defending champion, and qualifier Astrid Lew Yan Foon of France at 11 a.m.

In total, 16 (singles) and three (doubles) matches have been rescheduled.

SNAPSHOTS

On target: Baena, left, celebrates his strike. REUTERS

Atletico beats Real Betis

MADRID: Atletico Madrid extended its unbeaten run in LaLiga to nine matches with a 2-0 victory over host Real Betis on Monday. The win lifted Atletico to fourth in the standings on 19 points. Real Madrid sits comfortably at the top with 27 points.

The result: Betis 0 lost to Atletico 2 (Simeone 3, Baena 45+2).

KSCA elections on Nov. 30

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) elections will be held on November 30, it was announced on Tuesday. "As decided in our meeting held on 14 October 2025, and reiterated in the meeting held on 25th October 2025, the KSCA election is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 30 November 2025," KSCA CEO Shubhendu Ghosh informed through an email.

Karnataka-UP match evenly poised

Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh shared the spoils on the third day of their BCCI Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy under-23 match at Meerut. On Wednesday, Uttar Pradesh needs 177 runs to win with seven wickets in hand.

The scores: Karnataka 235 & 248 in 76.1 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 42, K.P. Karthikeya 53 n.o., Harshil Dharmani 30, Hardik Raj 33, Shubham Mishra 4/91, Kartik Yadav 4/52) vs. Uttar Pradesh 215 and 92/3 in 30 overs (Adarsh Singh 38 n.o., Rituraj Sharma 37).

Karnataka women thump Tripura

Karnataka whipped Tripura by 10 wickets in the BCCI under-19 women's T20 match at Nagpur.

The scores: Tripura 60 in 18.3 overs (Deeksha Honushree 5/13) lost to Karnataka 61/0 in 6.3 overs (Rachitha Hatwar 39 n.o.).

Hyderabad enters the semifinals

Hyderabad edged out Karnataka by four wickets in the BCCI Vinoo Mankad under-19 trophy quarterfinal at Rajkot.

The scores:

Quarterfinal: Hyderabad 136/8 in 20 overs (Karan Yadav 40, Aawez Ahmed 37, Vaibhav Sharma 3/18) bt Karnataka 132/6 in 20 overs (Anvay Dravid 38 n.o., Uzair Ahmed 3/22).

MFAR Students Union beats ASC & Centre

MFAR Students Union FC blanked ASC & Centre FC 3-0 in the KSFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The results: MFAR Students Union FC 3 (Ankit Singh 4, Sunil Pavanoji 63, Sabir Khan-og 88) bt ASC & Cente FC 0; FC Real Bengaluru 5 (A. Vaishak 17, A. Syed 44, 45, Rishant Beniwal 82, Alex Antony 90) bt Bharat Bengaluru FC 1 (Sonam Sherpa 64).

Kaverappa breathes fire as Karnataka takes lead

The pacer blows away the Goa lower-order with a five-for as the host gets a 154-run first-innings advantage; Khutkar, Tejrana do well in the second innings to deny the home team an outright win

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
SHIVAMOGGA

Pacer Vidwath Kaverappa's remarkable return for Karnataka helped secure the first-innings lead, and the resultant three points, in a drawn Ranji Trophy Elite Group-B encounter against Goa, at the KSCA Navule Stadium here on Tuesday.

The 26-year-old's career was on the ascendency before the 2024-25 season, but multiple injury setbacks came as cruel blows as he played just two First Class matches in 12 months.

With a fine five-wicket haul versus Goa (23-6-51-5), where he blew away the opposition's lower-order, he showed what Karnataka had missed out on last season, and in the campaign-opener, where Saurashtra's last two wickets collected 58 runs and took a narrow four-run first-innings lead.

Kaverappa's effort limited Goa to 217, 154 runs adrift of the home side. The visitors were asked to follow on, but Manthan Khutkar (55 n.o., 135b, 5x4) and Abhinav Tejrana (73 n.o., 126b, 9x4) carried Goa to 143 for one before truce was called just after tea.

First to go in the morning was overnight batter Arjun Tendulkar (47, 122b, 6x4, 1x6), caught behind off Kaverappa. Mohit Redkar, who had buckled down on day three to help Goa reach 171 fox six, turned belligerent, smashing Kaverappa and fellow speedster Vyshak for three sixes.

Field-day: Kaverappa made his return to cricket extra special. N. SUDARSHAN

But another attempted maximum off Kaverappa brought about his Redkar (53, 77b, 3x4, 3x6) as he too edged to wicket-keeper K.L. Shrijith.

Samar Dubhashi was caught by R. Smaran at third slip in the same over before Vyshak sent old mate V. Koushik's stumps cartwheeling.

When Goa returned for the second essay, Vyshak trapped Suyash Prabhudessai in front in the sixth over to raise hopes of a win, only for it to prove a mirage.

Ironically, a contest which saw significant chunks of playing time being lost to rain and bad light ended under clear skies and a dash of afternoon sunshine. A good omen, Karnataka would like to believe, ahead of the next tie away to Kerala from November 1.

> I thought of it [injury lay-off] as an off-season. I wanted to put on a bit of strength, increase my pace. That's how I kept myself busy
>
> KAVERAPPA

The scores:

Karnataka — 1st innings: 371.

Goa — 1st innings: Manthan Khutkar c Shrijith b Abhilash 9, Suyash Prabhudessai c Shrijith b Kaverappa 12, Abhinav Tejrana c Jose b Kaverappa 18, Snehal Kauthankar c Shrijith b Abhilash 10, Lalit Yadav c Parantap b Abhilash 36, Darshan Misal c Karun b Parantap 12, Arjun Tendulkar c Shrijith b Kaverappa 47, Mohit Redkar c Shrijith b Kaverappa 53, Samar Dubhashi c Smaran b Kaverappa 6, V. Koushik b Vyshak 5, Vijesh Prabhudesai (not out) 0; **Extras:** (b-3, lb-5, nb-1): 9; Total (in 87.2 overs): 217.

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-29, 3-47, 4-51, 5-100, 6-115, 7-185, 8-212, 9-213.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 23-6-51-5, Abhilash 22-3-74-3, Parantap 16-6-18-1, Vyshak 18.2-2-53-1, Shreyas 8-2-13-0.

Goa — 2nd innings: Manthan Khutkar (not out) 55, Suyash Prabhudessai lbw b Vyshak 13, Abhinav Tejrana (not out) 73; Extras: (lb-2): 2; Total (for one wkt. in 46 overs): 143.

Fall of wicket: 1-20.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 8-2-12-0, Vyshak 8-1-33-1, Abhilash 7-1-20-0, Parantap 7-2-20-0, Shreyas 9-1-28-0, Jose 7-0-28-0.

RANJI SCORES, ROUND 2 (FOURTH AND FINAL DAY)

Elite:

Group A: At Vizianagaram: Baroda 363 drew with Andhra 43/2 in 16 overs. **Baroda 1(7), Andhra 1(2)**.

Kanpur: Odisha 243 & 151/3 in 44 overs (Swastik Samal 71 n.o.) drew with Uttar Pradesh 409/6 decl. in 130 overs (Madhav Kaushik 67, Karan Sharma 121, Aaradhya Yadav 101 retd. hurt). **Uttar Pradesh 3(6), Odisha 1(1)**.

Bengaluru: Tamil Nadu 512/3 decl. drew with Nagaland 446 in 157.4 overs (Dega Nischal 175, Yugandhar 67, Imliwati Lemtur 146, Gurjapneet Singh 4/75). **TN 3(3), Nagaland 1(1)**.

Nagpur: Jharkhand 332 drew with Vidarbha 492/5 in 161.1 overs (Aman Mokhade 176, Dhruv Shorey 48, Ravikumar Samarth 63, Yash Rathod 101 n.o.). **Vidarbha 3(10), Jharkhand 1(8)**.

Group B: Chandigarh: Maharashtra 313 & 359/3 decl. bt Chandigarh 209 & 319 in 94.1 overs (Arjun Azad 168, Manan Vohra 58, Raj Bawa 42, Mukesh Choudhary 4/34). **Maharashtra 6(9), Chandigarh 0(0)**.

Shivamogga: Karnataka 371 drew with Goa 217 in 87.2 overs (Arjun Tendulkar 47, Mohit Redkar 53, Vidwath Kaverappa 5/51) & 143/1 in 46 overs (Manthan Khutkar 55, Abhinav Tejrana 73 n.o.). **Karnataka 3(4), Goa 1(8)**.

Rajkot: Saurashtra 260 drew with Madhya Pradesh 355/9 in 135 overs (Yash Dubey 159, Saransh Jain 103 n.o., Jaydev Unadkat 4/33). **Madhya Pradesh 3(6), Saurashtra 1(4)**.

New Chandigarh: Punjab 436 & 15/0 in seven overs drew with Kerala 371 in 136.2 overs (Ankit Sharma 62, Rohan S. Kunnummal 43, B. Aparajith 51, Ahammed Imran 86, Krish Bhagat 4/52). **Punjab 3(4), Kerala 1(2)**.

Group C: Kolkata: Bengal 279 & 214/8 decl. in 54 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 54, Anustup Majumdar 58, Siddharth Desai 5/61) bt Gujarat 167 & 185 in 45.5 overs (Urvil Patel 109 n.o., Jaymeet Patel 45, Mohammed Shami 5/38). **Bengal 6(12), Gujarat 0(3)**.

Ramnagar: Railways 333 & 85/1 in 23 overs (Suraj Ahuja 42 n.o.) drew with Uttarakhand 398 in 158.3 overs (Kunal Chandel 50, Yuvraj Choudhary 92, Bhupen Lalwani 78, Abhay Negi 49, Kunal Yadav 5/85). **Uttarakhand 3(3), Railways 1(1)**.

Group D: Puducherry: Hyderabad 435 drew with Pondicherry 126 in 45.5 overs (Anand Singh Bais 41, Tanay Thyagarajan 4/48) & 97/5 in 42 overs. **Hyderabad 3(4), Pondicherry 1(2)**.

Mumbai: Mumbai 416 drew with Chhattisgarh 217 in 76.5 overs (Aayush Pandey 50, Shashank Chandrakar 43, Shams Mulani 5/59) & 201/3 in 58 overs (Aayush Pandey 117 n.o.). **Mumbai 3(9), Chhattisgarh 1(1)**.

New Delhi: Delhi 430 & 209/4 decl. in 33.3 overs (Ayush Doseja 64 n.o., Yash Dhull 70) drew with Himachal Pradesh 297. **Delhi 3(6), Himachal 1(4)**.

Plate: Shillong: Sikkim 346 & 303/7 decl. in 88.4 overs (Ashish Thapa 117, K. Sai Satwik 52, Kranthi Kumar 50) drew with Meghalaya 405. **Meghalaya 3(4), Sikkim 1(2)**.

Nadiad: Manipur 387/6 drew with Bihar. **Manipur 1(4), Bihar 1(8)**.

Ahmedabad: Arunachal Pradesh 187 & 144 in 49.4 overs (Techi Neri 91, Lalrempuia 5/63) lost to Mizoram 389/6 decl. in 115 overs (Sahil Reza 65, Armaan Jaffer 144, Joseph Lalthankhuma 46, F. Lalmuanzuala 55 n.o.). **Mizoram 7(8), Arunachal 0(0)**.

LIVE TELECAST

NZ vs ENG: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 6.30 a.m.
Australia vs India: 1st T20I, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.45 p.m.
Women's ODI World Cup: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
Tennis: WTA Chennai Open, Eurosport , 3 p.m. onwards
Zimbabwe vs Afghanistan: 1st T20I, FanCode, 5 p.m.
Bangladesh vs West Indies: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 5.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 11 p.m.

Ironical, but Rohit and Kohli will need to keep proving themselves

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli haven't made it easy for the selectors. Had they failed in Australia, Ajit Agarkar and company would have found it easier to say: sorry folks, it's time to go. Had only one of them succeeded, the pressure on the other to quit would have been greater. Alternatively, it might have extended his career. After all, the selectors might take a chance with one of them for World Cup 2027, but both?

While the country celebrated the Sydney ODI win and the manner in which the veterans – Rohit is 38, Kohli turns 37 in a few days – recaptured the past, the selectors were given a conundrum. It is not something they have to solve immediately, but they will have to handle it with no loss of dignity either to themselves or the two stalwarts.

Very few Indian players have been allowed the luxury of choosing their time and place of departure. Sachin Tendulkar was given a send-off others can only dream of, with the whole country coming to a standstill, and with carefully chosen visitors – the West Indies – as sacrificial lambs.

When announcing his retirement from One-Day Internationals earlier, Tendulkar had said, "I feel blessed to have fulfilled the dream of being part of a World Cup-winning Indian team."

That was a dream denied Rohit Sharma when, at 24, he was not picked for the 2011 World Cup at home. The selectors preferred an extra bowler, Piyush Chawla. Kohli was in the triumphant team and helped carry Tendulkar around the stadium after the win. In 2023, again at home, Rohit was now captain and India looked likely winners till they lost to Australia in the final. So there's a bit of unfinished business in his case.

The World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia commences in October, which means a five-month break after the IPL for the two players. Like they did with Test cricket and Tendulkar, India's cricket board might decide to have a couple of unscheduled ODI series just to ensure the stalwarts keep in touch. That is if they are ruled by such things as public sentiment.

A better way might be to tell Rohit and Kohli privately that they will be a) picked, regardless of what happens or b) not picked, regardless of what happens. Selection committee chairman Ajit Agarkar's term ends in June next year. But he has been given one extension, and could be given another. The key man here is likely to be coach Gautam Gambhir. And possibly skipper Shubman Gill too. Rohit missed out on 2011 because of the then captain M.S. Dhoni's insistence on choosing the leg spinner; ironically, another captain could see him play in 2027.

The World Cup is a good two years away, and all speculation at this stage might be futile. Such things as form, fitness, motivation, team balance closer to the event will decide. But the fact that the bulk of the tournament is being played in South Africa suggests that experience could be vital.

The Sydney performances might be classified under 'swallows and summers'. A single one of the former does not prove the existence of the latter. India knew their target; Rohit could return to his earlier manner of getting comfortable before launching an attack and Kohli felt at home chasing. He averages 65 in chases with 28 centuries. Where he has remained unbeaten, India have won 51 of 52 chases.

Need for match practice

While both stalwarts looked out of sorts in the first ODI in Australia, and Rohit did at the start of the second before getting a 70-plus (while Kohli looked strangely under-confident), it might have had to do with lack of acclimatisation. This applies to the team in general. Modern teams do not believe in getting used to conditions while playing abroad. Here was indication that the Indian team ought to give themselves sufficient match practice in South Africa ahead of the World Cup.

Whatever happens between now and then, the Rohit-Kohli question will continue to loom. Two of the greatest players in the format will have to keep proving themselves afresh. Painful? Necessary? Match results (there are 21 ODI till the end of next year) then become less important than the subtext of the contests.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025	30.09.2025	30.09.2024	31.03.2025
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	56.91	56.54	637.30	14,549.15	11,449.95	44,993.16
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	22.25	16.17	410.09	1,281.73	892.22	3,593.63
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items) (including discontinued items)	22.25	16.17	410.09	1,281.73	892.22	3,593.63
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	19.30	12.44	352.16	880.08	598.81	2,409.25
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	16.65	12.56	349.73	956.12	676.89	2,458.30
6	Equity share capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	1,601.02	-	-	4,677.27
8	Securities Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.29	36.42	36.42
9	Networth	1,634.46	1,465.99	1,604.56	4,518.23	3,100.40	3,685.20
10	Outstanding Debt	943.81	643.64	943.81	34,480.23	27,261.45	32,488.03
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares of Holding Company	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio (including exceptional item) (Times)	0.57	0.37	0.45	5.32	7.06	5.93
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	9.54 9.54	6.15 6.15	174.06 174.06	218.89 218.89	137.54 137.54	575.41 575.41
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
18	Current Ratio (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.35	0.29	0.34	0.59	0.58	0.60
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
25	Operating Margin (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	33.87	22.00	54.68	6.04	5.18	5.35

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on the company's website (www.tvsholdings.com).

2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 28th October 2025

For TVS Holdings Limited
Sd/-
Venu Srinivasan
Chairman